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Old-Timers Lose Speed but Not Spirit

Memorial Day Boat Race

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Rochester is one of the oldest communities in the state and tends to have a unique patriotic spirit.

That patriotic spirit was in full force down the Mattapoisett River on Memorial Day, where more than 40 paddle boats weaved their way 13 miles toward a family-fun-cookout finish line on Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

This Memorial Day event, a unique celebration from one of the first Massachusetts towns to declare war on the British, has been happening since the 1930s. The event was canceled during the World War II years, but nothing has slowed it down since – not even the Covid-19 pandemic.

Event Organizer Art Benner said the event has been opened to kayakers and a boat-building group from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. He hopes to draw more interest from kids at local schools.

Benner and Rochester Select Board member Paul Ciaburri said at one point, close to 80 boaters were participating. Covid-19 has cut those numbers in half. Benner said that over the past few years, the event participation is trickling upward, with around 40 participating on Monday.

"It's a great thing for young people," Ciaburri said, noting that it is a volunteer-run event and a great way to get involved in the community.

Generations of families competed against each other. Some looked to form dynasties. Chelsea Allen of Spencer and Megan Lewis of New Bedford won their third consecutive first place in the Women's Division, finishing 25th overall. They were awarded the Bill Watling Memorial Trophy.

Others sought to resurrect old glory days or reinvigorate a family tradition.

Peter MacGregor and Matt Buckley were the first due to float their way toward the Route 6 overpass where onlookers were cheering them on.

MacGregor started earlier than his sons Ian and Eli. Peter MacGregor said he was happy that his boys did not pass him along the river – a sign of a slow pace. However, he and Buckley couldn't quite match the elapsed time of the MacGregor boys. Buckley and Peter MacGregor came in fourth place with a time just above two hours and three minutes. Eli and Ian finished second overall with a 2:01:04 record. These 20-year-olds edged out their dad Peter.

Peter MacGregor, surrounded by friends, was still all smiles after the event. He said he has been competing since 1974, starting when he was 10 and never missing a race. He will celebrate his 50th boat run next year. His rowing partner Buckley summed it up best, "Once you start, you can't back out."

Bill Watling III can relate to that sentiment. After he and partner Daniel Rittenhouse finished in under two hours with a time of 1:57:35, Watling was looking at the leaderboard. Before discovering that he indeed won with Rittenhouse, Watling said it represents his seventh, consecutive first-place finish.

On the Cover: *Dan Rittenhouse still has reserves of energy to hold up his end of the boat after the Mattapoisett resident teamed with William D. Watling III of Rochester to finish first overall in the Open Division of the Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race with an elapsed time of 1 hour, 57 minutes and 25 seconds. The race, which began at Grandma Hartley's pond in Rochester, finished as the Mattapoisett River reaches Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Photo by Mick Colageo*

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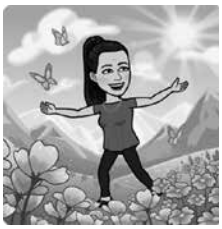

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"It's a fun, old tradition," he said. Watling has been participating for 22 years.

Watling seems to take the tradition seriously, putting in 40 hours of paddling time before Memorial Day.

Coming in third overall behind the Watling team and the MacGregor boys were Dana Barrows and Paul Milde, both of Mattapoisett.

Names Beckoning Our Reflection

Rochester Memorial Day Observance

By Mick Colageo

On May 28, members of the Rochester Select Board took turns reading the names of Americans from the town who had made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of citizens near and far, young and old.

Some of those names rang familiar to Rochester ears, surnames shared by the living, including people on the scene.

A stunning Sunday afternoon brought citizens out to their sidewalks and some to the Town Hall, as municipal officials were joined by Representative William Straus, the Rochester Memorial School Marching Band and Troop 31 of the Boy Scouts for a procession that would reach Daggett Square, pause for the recital of names of war heroes and return.

Straus spoke of "individuals who stepped away from what was happening" in their own lives to take care of something threatening everyone else's. He noted that the distances Civil War veterans traveled to in 1860 are equivalent today to the farthest reaches of the world.

"What these Civil War veterans did for the idea of this country is something I hope everyone will reflect on," he said.

To begin the procession, the RMS Band, directed by Kaitlyn Laprise, performed "The Star Spangled Banner" and "You're a Grand Old Flag," along with other music throughout the march. At nearby Daggett Square, where members of the Select Board read the names of war heroes before the Honor Roll there, Grade 6 students Zachary Gagne and Charlotte Silveira participated in the playing of "Taps."

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Not only were names read aloud but others remembered, as attendees with an abiding grief for lost loved ones, grandfathers and uncles never known because they had given themselves for the life they cherish, engaged in their silent attention. The heaviness of the moment resonated in short, unscheduled pauses under a bright, blue sky that itself seemed to participate.

Select Board member Paul Ciaburri, who presided over the event with assistance from Tri-Town Veterans Agent Chris Gerrior, thanked an anonymous resident for recreating the war memorial that stands right outside the front door to Town Hall and the Highway Department for relocating it to a more welcoming position. Ciaburri also thanked SEMASS for donating and installing the twin flag poles that now stand on either side of the rock flying the American and POW-MIA flags.

Upon return to the Town Hall, the reading of names was completed and the RMS Band played, after which Americans engaged one another in fellowship over refreshments.

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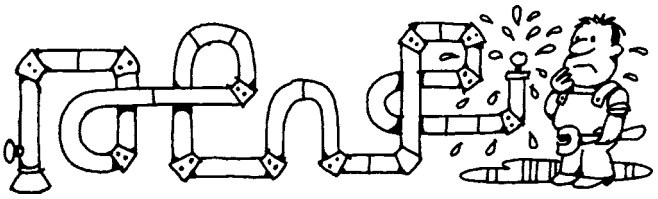

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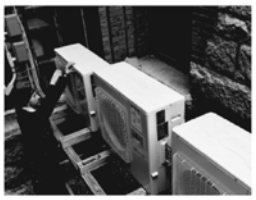

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Sharing Stories of Our Heroes

Memorial Day in Mattapoisett

By Colby Rottler, Retired U.S. Navy Commander

Good afternoon. I am Colby Rottler, a retired Navy commander. Before I begin, I would like to recognize guests here today, Veterans Service Agent Christopher Gerrior, Representative Mr. Straus, members of the Mattapoisett Select Board, members of the American Legion, members of the Color Guard and the ushers, members of the Old Hammondtown Band, the principal and staff of the Center School. Thank you for being with us today.

For those who served in the military, Memorial Day holds a great and revered significance as it commemorates the brave men and women who served and lost their lives defending our great union. We honor the sacrifices of fallen service members who put their lives on the line for our nation.

At the core of our military lie unique themes, the selfless desire to serve and the willingness to sacrifice to defend our nation and people. It is a day all Americans should take a moment to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country.

These women and men answered the call to serve and defend our country with courage, dedication and selflessness, knowing the risks were great but the cause greater. The respect and admiration we give our fallen veterans and pay tribute to their memories and the lives they lived.

We do so by visiting their grave sites or placing flags, wreathes or other mementos at memorials in our community. But their final resting place should not be the only space we gather to share memories or sit in quiet contemplation. To truly honor their lives, we must share their stories with others and ensure their memories live on, even though they are gone.

I will share the memories of heroes I have met.

Mildred Killcoyne, a young woman, recent graduate in mathematics from Boston College, joined the

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Navy as a WAVE. She went to Washington and worked on a secret plan to solve the Japanese and German codes. She and her team succeeded, saving countless lives. After the war, she taught mathematics in the Randolph school system and was awarded a medal from President Clinton when her work was declassified.

Ensign Steve Young survived the rollover of the USS Oklahoma. One of a few who escaped, his stories of his shipmate bravery are inspiring. He was rescued from the overturned ship and three days later was on another ship to fight in the Pacific.

Ensign Elliot Stienman, executive officer of a fleet tug at Pearl Harbor, witnessing the carnage, retrieved his newly issued USN Colt 45 and with luck hit a low-flying Japanese "Zero" and shot it down.

William Johnson, a Marine who received a battlefield commission, was part of the first wave on Iwo Jima. He said to me that God spared him to do greater things that day.

Lt. Mickey Shrock, my flight commander, he was exercising and just laid down and passed on active duty. A great officer, brave, talented and always missed.

My father, a young Naval Seabee construction specialist who drove road building equipment, building runways on islands in the Pacific during the war, he and his team often had to jump behind the dozer blade and fire at the snipers in the area.

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ones that did went back to their lives, working, getting married, raising children and being great Americans. Our debt to the heroic and valiant women and men in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.

America will never forget their sacrifices. Because of these sacrifices, justice and freedom casts its glory across the horizon.

Oh, there is one other group that I would like to thank, the Gold Star families, the veterans here today, the veterans' families who support them who are here and every person here who supports our veterans.

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Learning to Remember

Memorial Day in Mattapoisett

By Marilou Newell

Colby Rottler is a soft-spoken man. You have to listen carefully when he is speaking in order to catch what he is saying, which tends to be on point.

We know this from the many years and many meetings we have attended covering Zoning Board of Appeals and Finance Committee meetings of which Rottler has been a member for a mighty long time. He has faced difficult decisions while serving locally since retiring from his 9-to-5 job.

But on Memorial Day 2023, as town folk assembled in Center School to hear the speeches, the former naval commander was thinking about the sacrifices of others who served the country – heroes he had met in life. Rottler was selected as the guest speaker for the community's ceremony at the American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280.

His remarks perused memories of various people he encountered, including Mildred Kilcoyne, a recent graduate in Mathematics from Boston College who joined the Navy as a WAVE, Ensign Steve Young who survived the rollover of the USS Oklahoma, Ensign Elliot Stienman, Marine William Johnson and Lieutenant Mickey Shrock.

Rottler also spoke of his father, "a young Naval

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In closing, Rottler thanked Gold Star families and all families who support military personnel, most of all his wife, "…especially my wife of 52 years who supported me through my military career and kept our family safe. Marie, I love you." Preserving democracy and remembering those who protected the country was Rottler's message.

Rottler has an outstanding military background. He is a retired USN Commander who enlisted in June 1965. He completed training at Naval Station at Davisville (North Kingstown), Rhode Island, and was assigned to the Naval Reserve as a radar technician. Rottler also attended Bridgewater State College and earned the rank of Radar Technician Second Class.

After graduation, he continued his studies, being accepted into the Naval Aviation Flight Officer Program and then on to Pensacola to attend aviation officer candidate school with Marine drill instructors.

After flight training in 1972, he reported to Patrol Squadron 23 at Naval Air Station in Brunswick, Maine, where Rottler was designated Mission Commander, Tactical Coordinator and Detachment Officer. He was deployed to the Mediterranean, North Atlantic and European areas, conducting antisubmarine operations.

By 1975, Rottler reported to Patrol Squadron 92 at Naval Air Station South Weymouth, where he held positions in training, tactical maintenance and operations. In 1997, Commander Rottler was selected to command Patrol Squadron 92, flying the P3 Orion Submarine Hunter Aircraft. He deployed to South America, Europe, the Pacific, Iceland and Africa. His squadron also supported operations during Desert Storm. Rottler retired in 1991 from the Navy.

And there is more! Rottler harbored an interest in culinary arts. Thus, long after he retired from military service and professional positions, he enrolled in Johnson and Wales where he earned a degree in Culinary Arts. He'd go on to teach at Upper Cape Regional Technical High School primarily in Food Safety Practices.

Also present for Monday's ceremony were the color guards from the Mattapoisett Fire and Police Departments, Representative William Straus, members of the Legion and the Select Board, as well as students whose participation seemed to underscore the meaning of the day – serving to protect our nation and the generations to come.

Other highlights of the Memorial Day Observances included New Bedford High School ROTC Cadets presenting and retiring the colors in crisp procession. Select Board Chairman Jodi Bauer spoke of the passing of two much loved veterans and Mattapoisett hometown residents Howard Tinkham and George Randall.

Tinkham's long career as an educator and farmer and Randall's annual oration of the Gettysburg Address were heartfelt memories, Bauer shared. She said that during each Select Board meeting, after the members pledge allegiance to the flag, they bow for a moment of silence to thank those who gave all and those who served or are serving our country. "That's what I'm doing, I'm saying 'Thank you.'"

Straus noted the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by all, even those we never knew. He said that General Logan of Civil War fame was primarily responsible for early displays of commemoration in late spring with what would be called Decoration Day for many decades. Today it is Memorial Day, celebrated this

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year on May 29. He said that although we can never know all those who made the supreme sacrifice, it is important to remember them all. It still has relevance in these modern times.

Local youths lent their voices and talents as the Center School band played favorites, including the "Star Spangled Banner," and Andrew Porter recited the Gettysburg Address. Reading the governor's proclamation was Geneva Gerrior of Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School.

The day's festivities included a short march from the school to the library, where flowers and wreaths were laid at the Civil War and WW1 monuments, and then another journey of remembrance to the wharves where floral arrangements were placed in the harbor in honor of all who died at sea.

Memorial Day 2023 was organized in partnership with the Tri-Town Veterans Office with Agent Chris Gerrior and Dianne Sweeney. Master of ceremony was Rachel Peron, Commander of the American Legion Florence Eastman Post 280.

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It's Never Someone Else's Problem

Memorial Day in Marion

By Christopher Bonzagni, U.S.A.F. Major

Good morning, and thank you for the opportunity to talk with you today. It is a tremendous honor, and I feel entirely inadequate to be standing in front of you to discuss the men and women who came before us to make this nation great.

Now, with this said, I know what you military members and veterans in the audience see when you look at me. For those of you not in the know, there is no more judgmental community than those of veterans and other military members. Checking uniform standards, ensuring ribbon racks are covered and aligned.

What they see when they look at me is an Air Force guy, not a pilot (which means cool fighter pilot stories are off the table), but still an officer. They are giving an internal eye roll and saying, "We're in for a long morning of stories about clearing printer jams…"

Well, I'm here to tell you that I was a young Marine once and for 10 years, I was a proud member of the enlisted ranks. I stood at parade rest for many, many formations and change of command ceremonies listening to some officer bloviate about how his unit is the best in the Marine Corps while young junior enlisted passed out after being told not to lock their knees at parade rest. I feel your pain. So I promise, no bloviating, and I'll be brief and to the point.

I'm also not going to make this speech easy on you. There are no free passes. We seem to have grown accustomed in this country to always thinking it's

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someone else's problem. That one is not smart enough, creative enough, or lacks the experience needed to get the mission done.

It's a fallacy created by our own insecurities to keep us in our place. My intent in delivering this speech today is to clearly illustrate that this is not the case.

In my experience in close to two decades of military service, the men and women in uniform, regardless of their job, are not special. They've made a choice to serve, and they made a choice to honor their commitment and accept the consequences of their decision, whether good or bad. That's it. There are no superheroes, no life hacks, only those that are willing to act and those that choose to allow others to act on their behalf.

I'd ask that you consider which of these two personas you are right now and if you are happy with this choice.

To be clear, the world needs both, but from my perspective, too many people sell themselves short and allow others to dictate which path they choose. "The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!" — Eleanor Roosevelt, 1945.

This quote by Eleanor Roosevelt in 1945 is the best I've come across at providing a glimpse into the culture of the Marine Corps. I was a combat Marine, an infamous 0311, which is to say an infantryman.

If pilots represent the cool kids in the Air Force, the infantry were the pilots of the Marine Corps. My path to the Corps was not exactly straight and narrow as is the same for many who enter the service. I was a subpar football player in high school, raised not far from here in a town called Whitman. I played quarterback and probably had more interceptions than touchdown passes over the course of my career.

Needless to say, when the season concluded, college football recruiters were not exactly lining up outside of my homeroom with scholarship offers. There was one college, however, that for reasons unbeknownst to me, must have been in desperate need of a quarterback and made me an offer.

Norwich University, located in sleepy Northfield, Vermont, was a military school with an average Division 3 football program. Raised in a Christian home, my parents and I both thought going to military school could provide a structured and rigorous education without all of the temptation and extracurricular activities of a standard civilian school.

Despite my grandfather being a career Navy Corpsman and my father's passion for the military, I had no actual desire to join the service. On September 11th, 2001, I was sitting in English class as a junior in high school. While I considered it a tragedy, to me as a teenager, it was someone else's problem to deal with. I certainly wasn't compelled to join the service at that point in my life.

Fast forward to January 2005. I'm running off a bus at some unknown and ungodly hour of the night towards the infamous yellow footprints of Paris Island Recruit Training Depot. Screaming drill instructors and

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terrified recruits abound, and I'm internally questioning my life choices.

In just a few short hours, I'd complete my in processing, head freshly shaved, uniform issue complete with "go fasters" (or sneakers for normal humans), and assigned to Platoon 3029, India Company, Third Battalion.

I know you're probably thinking, what happened to college football and the whole structured education thing, Chris? Well, as the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan started to kick into high gear in 2003 and 2004, several of my friends started to go overseas, and the thought occurred to me that this wasn't someone else's problem. This was OUR problem.

And so, I decided to enlist in the United States Marine Corps. It wasn't long after I checked into my unit, Alpha Company, 1st Bn 25th Marines, that I met what would become my closest friend in the Corps.

John was a young carpenter who was raised here on Cape Cod. To a kid raised as a rule-follower, John embodied what it was to be a Marine. Hair shaved closed, square jawed and what appeared to be a fearless mentality. He had machine gun rounds tattooed around his forearm in an apparent attempt to not run out of ammunition when he needed it the most.

He was a wild man. Predeployment training in the USMC or the training received by a unit prior to entering a war zone, typically occurs in southern California at a place called Twentynine Palms. Needless to say, there are no palm trees.

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several months, Marines are subjected to long days and nights in the "field" i.e., on some obscure rifle range in the middle of the desert with no running water or electricity and typically sleeping on the ground.

Occasionally, when the stars aligned, there was a gap in the schedule, and Marines would get "liberty" or essentially a few days off without training where Marines were let loose on the local area to unwind. Liberty was few and far between during predeployment workups and so, when the opportunity presented itself, one did not squander the chance to get into civilian clothes and leave the base in one's rearview mirror.

On one such occasion, John and I went to Palm Springs for a long weekend because we heard they had a great public library system and wanted to do some "studying." After a couple of days of "studying" at the local library establishments, we were exhausted and heading home when John had an amazing idea.

"Pull over," he said, with supreme urgency in his voice. He had spotted a local tattoo shop and wanted to surprise his fellow Marines with an amazing new tattoo. Not uncommon in the Marine Corps.

What I failed to mention is that mustaches, though authorized, are not encouraged. Growing a mustache that borders on the line of USMC regulation is a way that a young Marine can show some small signs of rebellion against his chain of command. John had taken it upon himself to grow an obnoxious mustache over the course of our training and dubbed himself "Mustache Pete."

After several minutes in the tattoo shop, John tipped his hand as he had to run outside to ask us how to spell "Mustache." Not long after, John came out proudly smiling. When we couldn't spot the new tattoo, he turned around, dropped trow and there on his derriere was printed in bold print, "Mustache Pete."

He was so proud. Despite his peculiarities, John always ran to the sound of the guns. While on deployment in the spring of 2006, John and I were located at an entry control point on the perimeter of the city of Fallujah, Iraq.

Due to our proximity, hearing gunfire and explosions was somewhat of a daily occurrence. On one such day, the gunfire was particularly close while I was on post in an overwatch tower. I took my position behind my squad automatic weapon and promptly called in the activity on the radio, awaiting an enemy incursion into our position. I looked up from behind my sites and realized John had sprinted hundreds of meters ahead, in a beeline for the gunfire and in doing so had completely cut off my line of fire. He got screamed at for this but really didn't see what he did wrong and, if given the opportunity, would have made the same choice again.

Another time, when we were being actively engaged by the enemy, John took up a position behind a 240 Golf machine gun and unleashed several hundred rounds that promptly quieted the enemy.

A small-town carpenter, with a Mustache Pete tattoo, made the choice to act.

John and I were fortunate, that deployment. We both survived, even as the battalion took 11 KIA and many more were injured.

August 16, 2006, proved to be a particularly difficult day. The battalion lost Captain John McKenna and Lcpl Michael Glover. John, a 30-year-old state trooper from Brooklyn, and Michael, who dropped out of law school to join the Marines, were killed by sniper fire.

Captain McKenna earned the Silver Star for his actions that day and part of his citation reads… Captain McKenna was leading First Squad on a foot patrol in Al Fallujah, Iraq. As the patrol neared a friendly observation post, it was suddenly ambushed by well-concealed insurgents firing sniper rifles, automatic weapons and rocket-propelled grenades from buildings, rooftops and cars to the north, south and east. The point man at the front of the patrol (Lcpl Glover) was fatally wounded by the hail of enemy bullets and fell in the middle of the intersection where the fire was most heavily concentrated. Captain McKenna instantly rushed into action, directing the fires of his men, and ordering them to employ smoke grenades to obscure the enemy's vision. Ignoring the imminent peril from the heavy incoming fire, Captain McKenna ran into the intersection in an effort to save his downed Marine. Completely exposed to the enemy fire, he calmly knelt next to the stricken Marine to assess his condition. As he began to drag the Marine to a covered position, Captain McKenna was hit by enemy fire and mortally wounded.

Captain McKenna gallantly gave his life in an attempt to save one of his Marines. In a letter he wrote while in Iraq that was read at his funeral, Lcpl Glover was quoted as saying, "I took an oath, and it's the best oath I ever took. I'm at peace if I come back with parts of me missing. And I'm at peace if I don't come back at all."

John and Michael came from ordinary backgrounds, very similar to you and I. But they made a choice to act, to stand by their commitment to themselves, to each other and to their country.

As for me, I fired thousands of rounds of

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ammunition throughout my career … every one of them in training. I spent over 12 months in Iraq over the course of two separate deployments and never fired my weapon. I was shot at, but unable to return fire due to not having positive identification of the enemy.

For civilians, they would consider me blessed…. Someone upstairs was watching over me. For an infantry Marine, it was devastating, equivalent to sitting on the bench during the Super Bowl.

It wasn't that my deployments weren't busy. Violence was all around me. I would hear the screams for help on the radio, watched as casevac convoys raced past my position on the way to the battalion aid station and stood there helplessly. Even today, approaching two decades later, this is the first time I've spoken publicly about this. I have tremendous guilt in not feeling that I did my part and have a consistent sense of inadequacy.

My point in sharing these facts is not to garner your sympathy, but to illustrate that everyone experiences doubt, guilt and shame. No one is 100% confident or even close. The great Army General Stanley McChrystal talked in his memoir "My Share of the Task" about how he was doubtful in his ability to lead with every promotion he received.

I would argue that confidence is not the virtue we should be striving for, but courage. Those who assert they are not afraid are either lying or foolish. Courage does not deny the existence of fear, but rather enables us to conjure up the strength to overcome it. To give ourselves permission to fail, to look stupid, or if we dare to persist, to succeed, to change, or ultimately to be heroic.

As I stated at the beginning of this speech, self-doubt becomes the excuse that enables us to think it's someone else's problem, that we lack the talent to accomplish our goals. The reality is we have one shot, and the clock is ticking, even as we speak.

The true beauty of the heroes we spoke about today is that they recognized this, accepted the responsibility and sacrificed their opportunity in the hopes that you and I would carry the torch. They knew intrinsically that the fabric that comprises the strength and ingenuity of American spirit resides in the hearts of its people.

You see, being a hero doesn't necessarily mean you are charging a machine gun position or executing a dramatic rescue. It's having the courage to take the next step, even or especially when you are terrified. Maybe it's having an honest conversation with your significant other, turning off the television to play with your kids, or starting the business plan you've been putting off. It means choosing to see life as a gift not to be squandered because many others are not as fortunate.

We (I'm at the top of this list) waste so much energy complaining and worrying and getting angry over seemingly insignificant things. It's a choice. We all have a finite amount of time on this Earth. We can choose to use it superficially, buying all the things we are supposed to buy, saying all the things we are supposed to say and checking all the boxes, but when we look back on our lives, it will be a surface-level existence.

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If you do these things, and you live what you say, you will be perpetually honoring the spirit of the fallen and their sacrifices daily, and it will not go unnoticed. By embodying their warrior spirit, this becomes more of a thank you than waiving a flag, attending a Memorial Day parade, or posting on social media ever could be.

I'll end with a quote from one of my favorite children's books, called "Mikey and the Dragons" by Jocko Willink. "And from that day forth, Mikey changed his mind, And he left his fears and his worries behind. Even when he was afraid of something out there, he knew how to get control of his fear. He would stand up straight and hold his head high, and like the Prince, look his fear in the eye. And that is always the best thing to do, if there is something that really scares you. Don't get controlled by the feelings of dread. Remember most of the fear is just in your head. This isn't to say you won't be afraid. But you should know that fear is ok. Everyone gets nervous

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and has a good scare, and feels like they are going into the dragon's lair. But when that happens and you don't want to go, think of the lesson the Prince got to know: That when you are feeling so scared of it all, you just need to remember that the dragons are small."

Thank you.

TikTok, Earbook and Tweeter

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

I haven't been paying attention to the national news lately ... it is too depressing ... so when I happened to see an old newspaper headline saying, "Montana is the first state to ban TikTok," I was confused and surprised. Confused because at first glance, I thought it meant clocks were being banned, particularly cuckoo clocks. Why would anyone want to ban cuckoo clocks? Surprised because I haven't seen a cuckoo clock in years.

I confess, I'm like the sage of Foxboro Bill Belichick who once said he doesn't do "Earbook or Tweeter." I now know that TikTok is an app for your phone that allows people to video themselves doing silly things and disseminate their creations across cyber space. For the life of me, I don't know why anyone would embarrass themselves that way, but it is a brave, new world out there that is passing me by.

Apparently, the app is very controversial. It is owned by a Chinese media giant ByteDance. Authorities around the world are concerned that the data it collects could be passed on to the Chinese government. Why the Chinese government would care about some 13-year-olds who wrap themselves in bubble wrap and dance the Watusi (I guess that shows my age) while lip-synching a Beyoncé song is beyond me.

I guess I have not been paying attention for some time. The app was first introduced six years ago, and it is bigger than just teenagers being foolish on camera. You can create your own "brand" on TikTok, which is why even big companies sell their products on the platform. They say it allows them to connect with younger audiences.

They call it their "social media strategy." I have one of those ... I don't do social media. Apple, Google, Microsoft, Dunkin' (didn't they used to sell donuts?), the NBA and The Washington Post are all on TikTok. They say they are trying to reach the Z generation ... or is it the X generation? Maybe the Millennials. I can't keep up. It sure is not the Boomer generation.

The Governor of Montana said that it is his "priority to protect Montanans from ... "communist surveillance." Good luck with that. Did he hear about those big balloons floating over his state a while ago?

The advocates for the app say that the new law infringes on the First Amendment Rights of the "hundreds of thousands of people" who use it in the state. ByteDance says their sole purpose is to inspire creativity

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and bring joy. So Montana doesn't want their citizens to be creative and experience joy?

I trust our federal government is on the case. They have already banned the app on all government-issued phones. I don't know whether to be paranoid or just suspicious. I have already banned it in my house, but the missus does whatever she wants.

TikTok has over 1,000,000,000 daily users worldwide with 150,000,000 in the USA and growing. Methinks the genie has been out of the bottle for some time.

Mmmm, it appears that money can be made. A marketing company called Ubiquitous will pay $100 per hour to watch TikTok for 10 hours. My kind of job, sit and

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Taking a Moment to Reflect

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

Memorial Day has become over decades the unofficial beginning of summer. With only a few days remaining in the school calendar and warmer weather with longer daylight hours, it's time to p-a-r-t-y! It may be that because we (used to) have cold, dark winters, the summer months were worthy of celebrating.

I say unofficial because Memorial Day is officially the day, we as a nation, are asked to remember the sacrifices made by our enlisted women and men, those who ultimately lost their lives. But we also joyfully celebrate summer's beginning. Two ends of the emotional cultural spectrum.

For many thousands of people across our land, Memorial Day means something much more profound – the death of an active-duty loved one. Memorial Day is the only day set aside by our society to officially honor all military personnel who have died *while in service* to the country.

Not to be confused with Veterans Day in November, the official day for honoring all veterans living and dead, Memorial Day has a longer history, one of honoring and remembering those who died in battle.

Memorial Day's humble genesis is generally credited as beginning at the end of the Civil War. The day was set aside to commemorate the fallen with displays of grief and gratitude shown by "decorating" the graves of those who perished or were gravely wounded while in service.

Hence, for some time, the day was known as Decoration Day. It would become federally recognized as Memorial Day by federal proclamation in 1978 and included the very popular three-day weekend by moving Memorial Day from May 30 (my son's birthday) to the last Monday in May.

As Decoration Day began to spread in cities and towns throughout the slowly unifying country in the mid-to-late 1800s, its origins have been claimed by more than one region or group. South Carolina's history seems to claim the title as first in the nation to honor the war dead from the Civil War. It is said that a group of recently freed slaves were the first after the south surrendered in 1865.

On May 5, 1868, General John Logan, leader of a northern veterans' group, called for a day of remembrances (later to be held each year on May 30.) People were encouraged to decorate the graves of deceased soldiers in what would be called Decoration Day. President Garfield gave a speech at Arlington National Cemetery where 5,000 participants decorated 20,000 graves.

However, it was in 1966 that the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, as the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Interesting side note, southern states held their own remembrances day until after World War 1. For those areas of the country still recovering from the Civil War and reconciliation between the north and south, peace would be a long time coming.

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WWII, the Korean War, the Vietnam conflict, or any of the conflicts and military engagements in the Middle East. We are very lucky. The soldiers in my family served with honor and then returned home to pursue quiet lives in smalltown America.

These men, my father Brayton N. Newell, uncle Charles B. Billard and my son's father John E. Silva, never spoke much, if at all, about their experiences.

I never knew my father and uncle were Bronze Star recipients until after their deaths. Silva faced racial discrimination in the Army, but he harbored no ill will against those who wondered at his heritage. I remember them because I loved them and because they stood tall and did what was asked of them. Period. Bravery takes many forms.

If those men were alive today, they would go on appreciating Memorial Day for a day to remember and, yes, eat hot dogs and hamburgers from the grill as a season opener in the backyard. They would enjoy the family surrounding them and likely silently recall someone they knew who didn't make it. You wouldn't know their deepest memories because they wouldn't share them. But one thing I do know – they would want us to p-a-r-t-y.

It is fitting that we celebrate summer, and it is fitting that we commemorate our fallen military, even if it is a bit tricky blending the two. But I guess as long as we spend a few minutes hearing heroic stories of those who paid the highest price, place flowers, wreaths and tiny flags on graves of servicewomen and men, and in silence

pray for their immortal souls (and our own), then let the party begin.

One thing is for sure however, freedom isn't free.

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By George B. Emmons

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Under one of the overhead structures, they usually build a cup-shaped nest out of grass and loose feathers, using their own mixture of mud pellets to cement it to the overhead. Over the years, the construction has been known to be repaired again and again over a long tenure.

The nests survive the passage of time by standing as welcome shelters for their continued return, using the homing instinct like this homecoming phenomena inspired the writing of the popular love song you most remember: "When the swallows come back to Capistrano, that's the day I pray you'll come back to me."

In nautical literature, ancient mariners painted the arms with tattoos of Swallows as a positive omen of safe return after thousands of miles around the world. In medieval culture, the Swallow was believed to be descended from the eternal spirit of nightingales. Today, the Swallow is depicted on postage stamps in many old-world countries and has been the national bird in Austria since 1969.

Recognition on a national basis is the highest tribute of public opinion of the Barn Swallow that I have written about and illustrated to earn your recognition and positive evaluation of what has been a normal, common phenomenon that attracts your unexpected attention and understanding.

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Third Time a Charm for Murphy

Rochester Town Election

By Michael J. DeCicco and Mick Colageo

In an election year locally dominated by incumbents, the Rochester Town Election held on May 24 at the Senior Center produced one major exception.

A record turnout swept a new Select Board member, Adam Murphy, into office. Out of a total of 1,558 ballots cast, Murphy was elected to a three-year term on the Select Board by a tally of 845 votes over incumbent Woody Hartley's 674 votes, based on results updated Tuesday on the town's website (39 ballots were left blank; there were no write-in votes.)

Alluding to his run last year against incumbent Bradford Morse, to whom he lost by a single vote after a recount, Murphy said this time, "We wanted to stay away from fringe groups. I ran independently, a grassroots campaign. We took the high road and didn't rely on social media."

As to why he won this time, he theorized, "We ran a clean campaign. We didn't want to jump on anybody's bandwagon. I listened to everybody. I don't have an agenda, and I think I made that perfectly clear going into it, so we spoke to everybody. I listened to everybody, and I'm going to continue to do that."

Murphy felt that his one-vote defeat in last year's Select Board election was an eye opener for the town and himself. He believes that race brought out more voters in 2023.

"Every vote counts, so I think that people realize that they do actually have to get out and vote. It's one of the bigger turnouts that we've had," he said. "What happened differently this time is Rochester came out and supported what they wanted."

Murphy is a life-long town resident and chair of its newly formed Personnel Board, a seat he will be required to vacate to serve on the Select Board. His family owns Tri-Town Service Trucking and Murphy's Auto Salvage, Inc., and he is also employed as Marion's deputy harbormaster/shellfish officer and as a certified patrol officer for the Marion Police Department.

After serving two terms on the Select Board, Hartley announced his retirement from public service.

"I believe in term limits for all things; I think that three terms is a good job. This would have been my third term, and it would have been my last," said Hartley, who would not speculate as to the direction of the town over the next three years. "I'm concerned for the town, but we will survive. We'll just see what happens. We hope that

people can do a good job.

"It's as time consuming as the person in the role wants to make it. There is no job description, there is no time clock. It's what you want to do. The things I was involved with, two, three, four times a week I was doing something. … Somebody will have to pick up that slack, or it won't get done."

Happy that substantial progress was made over his terms in the hiring of accomplished professionals to address Rochester's emerging needs, Hartley chalked up the defeat to a large turnout of voters discontented by issues not relating to the Select Board but nonetheless looking for change "across the board."

The three-way Planning Board race for two seats returned the two incumbents for five more years on the board, as John Demaggio garnered 935 votes and Ben Bailey 810. Challenger Dennis McCarthy received 633 votes. There were two write-in votes, and 736 ballots left blank.

All other elections were for three-year terms.

The two school committee races also kept incumbents in office.

Joe Pires defeated James O'Brien, 792-728, to retain his seat on the Old Rochester Regional School Committee (0 write-ins and 38 blanks), and Kate Duggan (805 votes) and Anne Fernandes (734) retained their seats on the Rochester School Committee against the challenges of Greg Hardy (694) and Sydney Teixeira (691.) No write-in votes were cast, but 192 ballots were left blank.

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In Rochester's only other contested race, Jane Taylor (983 votes) and Heather Alford (644) outpaced Sarah Verbyla (441) in a three-way battle of challengers for two open seats on the Library Trustees. There were only eight write-ins, but 1,038 ballots were left blank.

With Town Clerk Paul Dawson having recently announced his retirement effective June 30, Marjorie Barrows will become the new town clerk after garnering 990 votes officially unopposed. Dawson still received 188 write-in votes, and Jennifer Gerrior received 134. There were five other write-in votes, and 241 ballots left blank.

Timothy Lynch is listed with six write-in votes for a three-year term on the Cemetery Commission; that

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ballot also counted 181 unidentified write-in votes with 1,371 ballots left blank.

Incumbents retaining their seats in unopposed elections included: Tax Collector Beatrice Renauld (1,238 votes, nine write-ins, 311 blank); Dale Barrows to the Board of Health (1,183 votes, five write-ins, 370 blank); Suzanne Szyndlar to the Board of Assessors (1,164 votes, seven write-ins, 387 blank); David Sylvia to the Park Commission (1,204 votes, three write-in's, 351 blank); Herring Inspector William David Watling (1,252 votes, three write-ins, 303 blank) and Fred Underhill to the Water Commission (1,237 votes, two write-ins, 319 blank.)

The results of the ballot question asking, "Shall the town have its elected town clerk become an appointed position?" yielded 896 "No" votes to 401 in favor (261 blank), an opinion consistent with the May 22 Town Meeting vote that decided the matter against making such a change.

Horse Farm Agrees to Revised Conditions

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

In a complex case dating back to 2020, the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals voted to grant Five O'Clock Farm, LLC, a withdrawal of its application for a special permit to operate a commercial horse farm at 66 Burgess Avenue.

The horse farm, already operating under that previously issued permit, will continue operations by right and under a new, unenforceable agreement with a ZBA, some of whose membership remained perplexed as to what point a new agreement serves.

The May 25 public hearing lasted over 90 minutes, but member Donald Spirlet said the matter could have been resolved in five minutes and that neighbors with issues such as smelly manure could address them with the Board of Health. Spirlet said self-policing is the best kind, and details of the container for manure should have been deferred to the applicant.

At issue were conditions originally stipulated in the granting of a special permit that had not been followed, prompting ZBA Chairman David Arancio to question the intentions of the applicant. In revisiting the board's original decision, Arancio read that it was stipulated that the manure produced at the site be kept inside a covered container and removed weekly. It is currently kept in a pile and removed every two weeks.

"We're talking about applying the letter of the law, yet this special permit was in place... yet it was never followed," stated Arancio, clearly annoyed.

Represented by Attorney Robert Galvin, owners Ross and Carol Spear were in disagreement with conditions they felt were unfair at their 6.038-acre property located in an Agricultural/Residential District. After receiving a special permit with conditions that the applicant found unacceptable, Galvin said "we took an appeal."

A Land Court judge referred the case for mediation with Judge Leon Lombardi, set a date and held an initial conference, at which point Galvin reported that Lombardi yet encouraged talk with abutters before entering mediation.

Before mediation took place, Galvin said he and then-Town Counsel Blair Bailey agreed that the case should be remanded back to the ZBA, "as, I believe, he agreed with me that the issue that originally prompted the filing for a special permit was likely not a proper issue to require a special permit, and that was the riding lessons."

Months had since elapsed and, upon Bailey's resignation, Rochester hired Mead, Talerman & Costa as its new town counsel.

With the case remanded back to the ZBA, Galvin requested the board revisit the bylaw and asserted that in the Agricultural/Residential District, a farm is a use that is permitted by right. He also stated that the usage is exempt from site-plan approval. He noted Rochester's status as a right-to-farm town.

Galvin said the daughter of the applicants lives in the house located on the farm engaged in the raising, keeping, showing and training of horses.

"They may have a smaller property, but there is property - 6 acres. I would suggest, even if it was a use that was permitted by right under the zoning bylaw, it

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would be exempt under Chapter 40A, Section 3," said Galvin.

With that, he asked that the ZBA give the applicant permission to withdraw its request for a special permit. Galvin referenced multiple discussions with Town Counsel Jay Talerman (in attendance at the May 25 meeting.)

While displaying an overhead photo of the site, Galvin turned the subject to manure and referred to abutters Michael and Tonnianne Kennefick, with whom he said he could not come to terms. He displayed a 630-foot distance between the manure pile and Kennefick's 256 Alley Road property.

"I think my clients have a lot of support from their neighbors but not every neighbor," said Galvin, estimating 25 horses on the property with a capacity to house up to 30 inside the barn (the ZBA had conditioned a maximum of 20.) Galvin explained that a show has been occasionally hosted for those who keep their horses on the property.

Regardless of the legal dispute that canceled the ZBA's right to issue a permit and impose conditions, Arancio felt the town had been disrespected by the defiance of those conditions during the appeal process.

Asked for comment, ZBA member Richard Cutler agreed that, "just because you don't like something, you've got a permit that said you're supposed to do something, and you didn't do it. That doesn't strike me as being very civil minded ..."

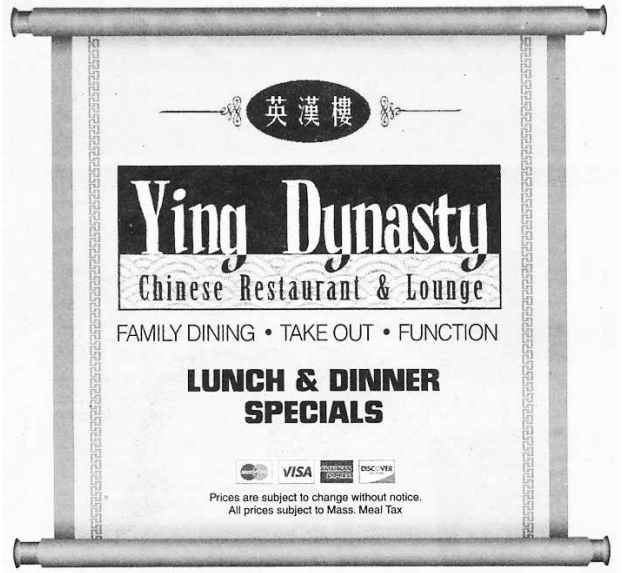
Several abutters spoke in support of the Spears' business, while new resident Elizabeth Goodman articulated a measure of concern over how summer's warmth might change a smell of manure sometimes realized on her property. Jeremy Goodman added his concern that his first impression of his new neighbor was that "they made an agreement they didn't stick to."

Asked to summarize for the board where the town legally stands, Talerman noted that the reliefs in the Agricultural/Residential zone are substantial.

"It's been long decided by the courts that equine facilities, riding lessons conducted at those facilities are within the bounds of those protections, provided that they are a primary use of the property," he said, further pointing out that the residence on the property does not cancel or qualify those rights.

Talerman said photos and testimony indicate that the level of agricultural activity on the site qualifies the property for such by-right activity. While instructing the ZBA that it cannot require a special permit, he said there is still "reasonable opportunity for regulation" in the application of existing zoning bylaws. If, for example, smell got out of control, Talerman said the board would have recourse.

He said the ZBA, working with Galvin's pitch for conditions as part of a new agreement outside of the permit process, could "back-fill" regulatory measures to



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FP	Name 1	Town 1	Name 2	Town 2	Division	E/T	Award
1	Daniel Rittenhouse	Mattapoisett	William D. Watling III	Rochester	Open Division	1:57:25	1st Place
2	Eli MacGregor	Rochester	Ian MacGregor	Acushnet	Open Division	2:01:04	2nd Place
3	Dana Barrows	Mattapoisett	Paul Milde	Mattapoisett	Open Division	2:01:46	3rd Place
4	Matt Buckley	Mattapoisett	Peter MacGregor	Rochester	Open Division	2:03:25	
5	Nick Barrows	Mattapoisett	Jack Barrows	Mattapoisett	Open Division	2:04:07	
6	Jay Lawrence	Middleboro	Andy Weigel	Rochester	Open Division	2:06:38	
7	Heather Veilleux	Rochester	C. J. Hedges IV	Marion	Co-Ed Division	2:08:22	1st Place
8	Tucker Roy	Rochester	Jonathan Roy	Rochester	Open Division	2:10:42	
9	Cliff Hedges V	Marion	Jason Bergeron	Acushnet	Open Division	2:10:43	
10	Caitlin Stopka	Boston	Gary Stopka	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:12:10	2nd Place
11	Joshua Allen	Acushnet	Terry Allen	Acushnet	Open Division	2:15:10	
12	Cole Letendrie	Acushnet	Andy Hammerman	Cotopaxi Ecuado	Open Division	2:16:40	
13	Gregory Kornichuk	Lakeville	Michael Gifford	Marion	Open Division	2:18:28	
14	Lindsey Harding	Rochester	Jeff Eldridge	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:19:02	3rd Place
15	Amanda Lewis	Mattapoisett	Bryan Buckley	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	2:19:11	
16	Robert Allen	Mattapoisett	Alissa Nolden	Belchertown	Co-Ed Division	2:19:47	
17	Katelyn Watling	Rochester	Alyssa Watling	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:20:16	1st Place
18	Wyatt Harding	Rochester	Harrison Harding Jr.	Rochester	Open Division	2:20:20	
19	Katie Ramocki	N. Attleboro	Gary Eleniefsky	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:21:50	
20	Cole Ducharme	Wareham	Eric Ducharme	Wareham	Open Division	2:22:15	
21	Ryan Stopka	Rochester	Cody Soderlund	Middleboro	Open Division	2:24:42	
22	Jodi Lynn Bauer	Mattapoisett	Marc Nadeau	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	2:25:35	
23			Anthony Coelho	Middleboro	Kayak Division	2:27:21	1st Place
24	Daphne Poirier	Marion	Graham Poirier	Marion	Co-Ed Division	2:31:03	
25	Chelsea Allen	Spencer	Megan Lewis	New Bedford	Women's Division	2:31:14	1st Place
26			Josh Sullivan	Berkley	Kayak Division	2:31:30	2nd Place
27	Max Richardson	Mattapoiset	Tom Richardson	Mattapoiset	Open Division	2:36:07	
28	Jackson Daniel	Marion	Cooper Trahan	Rochester	Open Division	2:41:26	
29			Nick Langenfeld	Rochester	Kayak Division	2:44:45	3rd Place
30	Tiffany Sadeck	Rochester	Steve Sadeck	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:45:34	
31	Catherine Sylvia-Evere	Mattapoisett	Colin Everett	Mattapoisett	Parent/Child Division	2:45:50	2nd Place
32	Julie McGrail	Rochester	Brian McGrail	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	2:49:48	3rd Place
33	Kayla Hartley	Rochester	Kerrin Fardy	Marion	Women's Division	2:50:10	2nd Place
34			Dennis McIntyre	Mattapoisett	Kayak Division	2:50:58	
35	Calvin Payne	Rochester	Maggie Payne	Rochester	Co-Ed Division	2:52:21	
36	Jeremy Braz	Rochester	Michael Braz	Rochester	Open Division	2:56:08	
37	Henri Roy	Rochester	Mason Zell	Rochester	JR Boys Division	2:57:22	1st Place
38	Ava Davis	Middleboro	J. P. Davis	Middleboro	Co-Ed Division	3:22:47	
39	Lillian Porter	Rochester	Matthew Porter	Rochester	Parent/Child Division	3:25:36	
40	Matthew Eby	Rochester	Emmet Eby, MD	Rochester	Open Division	3:35:15	
41	Judith E. Selwyn	Mattapoisett	David Carlen	Mattapoisett	Co-Ed Division	3:45:56	

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ensure the applicant abides by the board's wishes.

"I think they're making an effort regardless of what happened in the past with noncompliance. They're trying to move on," said Talerman, who referenced email correspondence with Kennefick, whom he says reiterated his concerns.

ZBA Vice Chairman Thomas Flynn sought clarification on the board's jurisdiction regarding allowable hours of riding lessons (12-hour days.) Later, Galvin sought to dispel any notion that the business seeks to conduct lessons at those hours, rather only to have those hours available for flexibility's sake.

Talerman said some cases concede that lessons, along with the keeping of horses, fall under the zoning bylaw's protections. "Municipalities have steadily lost the leverage we have," he said. "There's more in the realm of protection than there is out."

Flynn asked that the town revisit its bylaws addressing such matters.

ZBA member Michelle Upton applauded the neighbors for their participation in the process. She agreed with member Jeff Costa's remarks indicating concern over revisiting the case being moot.

Ultimately, the board settled on allowing withdrawal contingent on conditions proposed in Galvin's May 25 letter with additional conditions that all signs comply with Rochester's zoning bylaws, and, in keeping with the applicant's suggestion, set a 90-day deadline to construct a three-sided structure to store manure.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals was not announced upon adjournment.

Correction

The May 15 meeting of the Marion Planning Board, reported in the May 25 issue of The Wanderer, was rendered ineffective by the lack of a quorum not realized at the time of the meeting or the reporting thereof. The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, June 5, at 7:00 pm.

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10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Lee Gunschel
3:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday June 2, 2023
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8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With…
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Autistic Presentation at ORR - Chuck McIntyre
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Art Center - The Importance of Being Earnest
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday June 3, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Lee Gunschel
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA.
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday June 4, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:35 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Lee Gunschel
2:25 PM Sippican Historical Society - Butterflies of Southeastern MA
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday June 5, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With…
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:20 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Andrew Lloyd Webber
7:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
8:00 PM Pete on the Street
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday June 6, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM The Non-Profit World
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday June 7, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Registers Report
8:00 PM Tri-Town Against Racism
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
9:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 AM Marion School Committee
12:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee
1:30 PM Marion Finance Committee
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4:00 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
5:00 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
6:30 PM ORR Joint School Committee
8:00 PM Marion Annual Town Meeting
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11:00 PM Marion Planning Board

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7:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA
9:00 AM ORR Joint School Committee
11:30 AM Old Colony TV
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM Old Colony Robotics Competition
1:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs DR
2:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Bourne
3:30 PM ORR Girls Soccer vs Apponequet
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Seekonk
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM Cable History of Old Colony
7:30 PM Old Colony Drama - Aladdin
9:30 PM The Harvard Krokodiloes at ORR
11:30PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven

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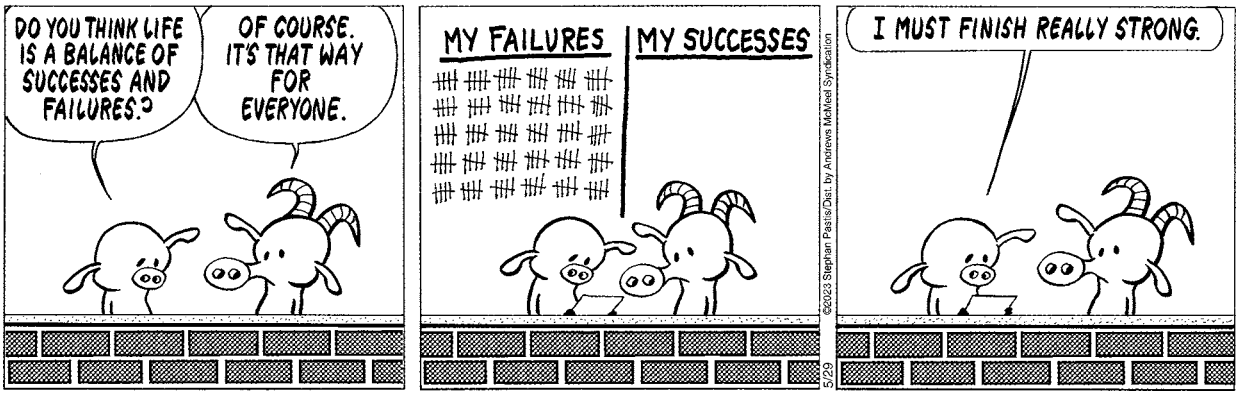
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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To the Editor,

A wonderful time was had by all during the Elizabeth Taber Library 4th annual Tables of Content fundraisers on May 7 and May 19. This is a unique event where Marion residents and friends gather together at various homes in Marion for an intimate dinner followed by a discussion of a preselected book.

We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to our generous sponsor, Michelle Humphrey.

Special thanks to our hosts and cohosts for their generosity and support:
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Please be in touch with Liz Sherry, Librarian 508-748-1252 or Joyce LeBlanc Trustee 508-971-9849 if you would like to learn more about this event and how you can participate in next year's Tables of Content dinners.
Elizabeth Taber Library
Tables of Content Committee

Academic Achievements

Riley Anne Knight of Mattapoisett graduated with distinction from Trinity College, Dublin Ireland, with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil, Structural and Environmental Engineering.

548 students processed at Stonehill College's 72nd Commencement on Sunday, May 21, including **Kevin Ovian** of Rochester, **Andrew Rayner** of Mattapoisett and **Aidan Ridings** of Mattapoisett.

Bishop Stang High School held a Baccalaureate Mass and Commencement Exercises for the Class of 2023 on May 26. Tri-Town graduates included: **Redmond Podkowa** of Marion, **Luke Tougas** of Marion, **Julia Downey** of Mattapoisett, **Liam Gormley** of Mattapoisett, **Cameron Letourneau** of Mattapoisett, **Hannah Ramalho** of Mattapoisett, **Eleanor Senna** of Mattapoisett and **Charlotte Sisson** of Rochester

On Saturday, May 13, **Michaela Mattson**, who majored in Biomedical Engineering, was bestowed a Bachelor's degree at WPI's 154th Commencement. Nearly 1,100 undergraduate degrees were awarded during the ceremony.

Holy Cross celebrated nearly 762 Bachelor of Arts degree recipients at its 177th Commencement held in person on Friday, May 26 at the DCU Center in Worcester. Included in those receiving degrees were **Thomas McIntire** of Mattapoisett and **Benjamin Shachoy** of Marion.

Springfield College has named **Dylan Aguiar** from Rochester to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the 2023 spring semester. Aguiar has a primary major of Health Sci / Pre-PT.

ORCTV's Ken Souza Scholarship

Every year, Old Rochester Community Television honors one graduating senior from each of our Old

OBITUARIES

Martha E. Williamson (nee Goodwin), daughter of Albert and Evelyn Goodwin, passed away peacefully January 26th, 2023 at the age of 73. Martha was a resident of Mattapoisett for over 20 years prior to moving West. She was employed in the food service industry. Martha relocated to Venice, Florida in the mid-90's to assist her aging grandparents. She was the widow of Donald Williamson. In retirement Martha enjoyed reading, gardening and caring for her cats. Martha is predeceased by her brother Albert and survived by sisters Shirley, Susan, Lynne, and LuAnn, brother Robert and friend Craig. Martha is interred within the Goodwin gravesite at Cushing Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be offered to St. Francis Animal Rescue of Venice, Florida, Inc. All contributions will be matched by the Louis and Gloria Flanzer Philanthropic Trust.

Robert F. Demers, 84, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully May 27, 2023 at home surrounded by his loved ones.

He was the husband of the late Mary F. (Keeler) Demers.

Born in Central Falls, RI, son of the late Albert and Germaine (Faubert) Demers, and brother of the late Albert Demers. Bob was raised in Needham before moving to Mattapoisett in 1964.

He began his career after his service in the Navy as a Needham police officer, later as a private investigator and finally settling into locksmithing, owning Corner Lock in Mattapoisett.

He enjoyed always being active and on the go. He loved being around family and friends, hosting gatherings, traveling, playing the lottery, and trips to Foxwoods. He had a fun sense of humor, was infamous for teasing anyone close to him and had a way with gag gifts. All of Bob's family gave him the nickname "cookie monster" as his love of cookies (and sweets) was stronger than almost anything else. Bob was loyal, dedicated, hardworking, and as honest as anyone could be.

Survivors include his 2 daughters, Michele Courville and her husband Timothy of New Bedford; Kathleen Demers and her partner John Vogt of Mattapoisett; Mike Rapoza, the son he never had, of New Bedford; 6 grandchildren, Alanna, Robert and his partner Marisela, Lucas, Sean and his fiancée Shayla, Julian and Benjamin; and 4 great-grandchildren, Jayson, Madison, Amelia and Ethan.

His visiting hours will be held on Thursday, June 1st from 4-8 pm in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6), Mattapoisett. His Funeral Service will be held on Friday, June 2nd at 10 am in the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Anthony's Cemetery.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Rochester Regional High School and Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School video production programs with its 'Outstanding Video Production Student Award'. The $1000 award is meant to assist the student as they move on to study video production or film upon entering college. This program is named in the memory of ORCTV's first President Kenneth J. Souza.

The recipients of this year's awards are Labby Sivvianakis for ORRHS and Megan Patnaude for Old Colony. Each student showed a great commitment to the ORCTV video production educational programs during this past school year as they balanced school work, studio work, extracurricular activities and after school employment.

The staff and board of Old Rochester Community TV wish to congratulate Labby and Megan on this well-earned honor.

If you would like to contribute to the Ken Souza Scholarship fund, please send a check to ORCTV at 135 Marion Rd., Mattapoisett, MA 02739 and write Ken Souza Scholarship Award in the memo space. ORCTV is a 501c3 not for profit organization, making all contributions tax deductible.

The Great Community Picnic

The Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum are happy to announce the Great Community Picnic will take place this year at Munro Preserve on Mattapoisett Harbor on **August 3** at 5:30 pm. The rain date is **August 10**.

We provide tables, chairs, tablecloths, a beautiful location and live music. You provide a picnic dinner and a memorable night with your family and friends. All proceeds go to support the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Mattapoisett Museum.

Tables will be available for groups of four ($160), six ($240), eight ($320) and ten ($400) people. New this year is the addition of Community Table tickets ($40) for those who want to attend the event but don't want to purchase a whole table.

We also accept table sponsorships from local businesses for $100/table. Your logo will be displayed on the table numbers and on any print materials for this event. Live music is provided by Seth Asser and Gary Brown. Beer and oysters will be sold on the day of the event.

For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit www.givebutter.com/GCP

This will be a fun-packed summer evening, so be sure to join us. Space is limited; reserve your table today.

Don't hesitate to contact Mattapoisett Museum, info@mattapoisettmuseum.org, or Mattapoisett Land Trust, info@mattlandtrust.org, for more information.

Mattapoisett Museum and Mattapoisett Land Trust are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations.

ORRHS Senior Parade

The Old Rochester Regional High School Senior Parade will be held on Friday, **June 2** in each of the three sending towns, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, beginning shortly after 6:15 pm. The three parades begin simultaneously, all filtering towards the high school where graduates will continue around their campus as a class for one final lap in advance of their June 3 commencement. The school invites the community to participate along the attached parade routes to give the Class of 2023 a proper sendoff.

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Movie Review

Electric

By Rob Gonsalves
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The Angry Black Girl and Her Monster. **Starring Laya DeLeon Hayes and Edem Atsu-Swanzy. Directed by Bomani J. Story. Running time: 92 minutes. No MPAA rating. Opening in theaters June 9.**

Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* has launched any number of adaptations, variations, and permutations in the 205 years since it was first published. *The Angry Black Girl and Her Monster,* a modern-day riff on the story, may be one of the more touching — up to a point. A first feature by writer-director Bomani J. Story, *ABG&HM* is bound to be condemned as "woke" by a certain contingent, though none of the Black characters in it is especially heroic or faultless, least of all Vicaria (Laya DeLeon Hayes), a student at an advanced high school.

Vicaria rattles off elements and scientific facts, and Hayes lets us share how good it feels to Vicaria to be in control of *something.* Her home life is gutted though (barely) functional, her neighborhood is infested with crack dealers and the resulting violence, and the (white) authority figures who enforce the rules in school and on the streets won't help her. I believed very quickly and completely in Vicaria as a brilliant girl who may also be missing a few pieces psychologically.

Vicaria's mother was shot to death years ago, leaving behind Vicaria and her father (Chad L. Coleman), who buys crack from the cold-blooded local dealer (Denzel Whitaker) when he's not working two jobs. The movie is matter-of-fact about the misery it shows us, and is also willing to sketch in some genuine warmth between family. The portrait of a bleeding community feels full and lived. To complicate things, Vicaria's brother Chris (Edem Atsu-Swanzy) has recently been shot by the cops. Vicaria steals his body — not the first corpse she's squirreled away, we learn — and decides to test her theory that death is a disease and can be cured.

This angry Black girl's monster isn't just the re-animated Chris; it's rage itself, which Chris seems possessed by, and by the need to act it out. Fury flows through the monster's veins as much as the electricity Vicaria uses to jump-start him. (When he strangles people, he leaves deep, ugly burn marks on their flesh.) Bomani J. Story uses *Frankenstein* to tell a tale about how anger and desperation can napalm the innocent and guilty alike. Chris wreaks havoc on cops and criminals — destroying the world that destroyed him — and we get the impression he's acting as much on Vicaria's wishes as his own. Her name probably sounds like "vicarious" for a reason.

ABG&HM is a fine, wounding drama that occasionally puts on a Halloween costume and gets its hands gory. It's a hell of a calling card, and Story can take a bow for the seeming effortlessness with which he juggles thematic concerns and sustains an oppressive tone usually in exciting conflict with the snappy filmmaking. But the movie doesn't hit us as deeply as it might, and it's easy to see why: We never get to know Chris as a living person — he's dead right from the start, and the artsy, wordless flashbacks we get of him don't help. Story may have needed to keep the film to a certain length, and scenes of Chris and Vicaria sharing warm moments may have been sacrificed. So there's no contrast between whatever he was before and the growling, haltingly spoken monster he becomes.

Chris's own family, even including Vicaria, doesn't seem to have much of an emotional response to his recent death, either (and nobody goes looking for his body, which it's assumed that someone "sick" made off with) — not even Aisha (Reilly Brooke Stith), who's carrying Chris's baby. They all get together for a family dinner that, as I noted above, is a welcome respite from the grimness — but shouldn't they show some consciousness of who isn't at the table? I know, I know, Story has more on his plate than grief and its realistic impact; an entire movie could be made (and has been) about processing all the intense, tangled emotions following a loved one's violent death. Here, Chris's death isn't the subject, it's a delivery system for a premise, and we sort of need to agree to go along with that to get the most out of the film. It's not perfect, but it leaves me wanting to see more from this filmmaker. It gets our interest and holds it.

the race still takes runners through the village and the proceeds still provide scholarships to local students, the new course excludes the unpleasant stint on Route 6, and the last leg is a straight line from Ned's Point Light to the finish line. No more zig zagging at the end of the race. Mattapoisett Road Race runners now run "Four on the 4th."

Registration is online: www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/registration.html for $25.

In person registration is on **July 3** from 4-6 pm and **July 4** from 7:30 -8:45 am for $35. If you'd like to volunteer on the day of the race, please contact Danny White at the Town Hall 508-758-4100 EXT 223.

Mattapoisett Library: Write a Pen Pal

This summer, the Mattapoisett Free Public Library is participating in the National Library Pen Pal Project.

This nationwide program pairs patrons from libraries across the country to be pen pals. Patrons will be paired with a similarly aged pen pal, and all of the mailing will be done by the library.

The library will provide the post cards and ensure they are mailed on time. You just need to write. This program is for ages 8 to adult. To participate, you must register on the library website by **June 12**.

If you have any questions, contact Michelle Skaar at mskaar@sailsinc.org or by calling the library.

Machacam Club

The next meeting of the Machacam Club is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 7**. This is our last meeting before our summer break. We meet at the American Legion Eastman Post on Depot Street. Doors open at 5 pm for social time followed by dinner at 6 pm. Our speaker program begins at 6:45. Colby will be preparing a filling and delicious meal. New members are always welcome. Please contact Chuck at cwmccullough@comcast.net with questions.

Mattapoisett Town Band

Strike up the band! The Mattapoisett Town Band is preparing for the 2023 season. The first performance is planned for **July 5** at 7:30 pm at Shipyard Park in the heart of the historic town center.

If you wish to join the band, all levels are welcome from students to seasoned performers. Two rehearsals are scheduled, **June 21 and 28** at Old Rochester Regional High School, from 7:30 to 9 pm. Use the external band room door at the front of the school. We look forward to meeting new members and saying hello to returning members.

There will be eight one and a half hour concerts (weather permitting) commencing on **July 5** and then every Wednesday evening through July and August.

You are invited to visit the band's Facebook page or send an email to Matt.Townband@gmail.com to request a song for the all request performance on **August 16.** The final concert of the season on **August 23** will feature the band's favorite tunes.

The band will be under the direction of Jayson Newell who was handed the baton by Jim Farmer who retired at the end of the 2022 after decades of service.

Records indicate there has been only four band directors since the 1950s, John Pandolfi, J. Craig Lilly, James Farmer and now Jayson Newell. Were there others? Do you know? Please contact us if you have more history on the Mattapoisett Town Band.

Community bands are one of the oldest forms of entertainment across the globe. Bring the entire family and join in this fun musical tradition. See you soon.

Spring Birding Walk

Join the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Nasketucket Bird Club on Saturday **June 10** 8:00-9:30 am for a beginner's level birding walk. This birding walk will be led by Justin Barrett, President of the Nasketucket Bird Club. It will be a lovely, relaxed morning in nature and a wonderful opportunity to learn about local wildlife. Justin will lead us through the woods and out to the beach, identifying birds by sight and sound.

The walk will take place on MLT's Munn Preserve trail. Meet just before 8:00 am at the parking area at the end of Mattapoisett Neck Rd., just before Antassawamock Rd. in Mattapoisett, MA. Bring your binoculars and dress appropriately for the outdoors, including sturdy footwear. This is a free event open to all, no matter your birding ability. Hope to see you there.

Mattapoisett Rail Trail Ribbon Cutting

Please join the Town of Mattapoisett, our State Leaders and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail in a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of the Shining Tides Mile of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail, **June 12**.

People arriving by car can park at the Depot Street Parking Lot or at the YMCA (35 Reservation Road.) The ceremony will begin promptly at 11:00 am, so please come early.

Beginning at 9:00 am, members of the Friends will greet the public and other trail organizations at the Goodspeed Island turnaround.

Plymouth County Educators Association Awards

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TriTown Happenings

Wendy Levasseur captured this photo of the bear which recently was roaming through the Tri-Town area.

Retired Air Force Major Christopher Bonzagni addressed Marion's Memorial Day observance at Old Landing. The procession began at the Music Hall and concluded at Old Landing. Photos by Mick Colageo and Robert Pina

Retired Navy Commander Colby Rottler addressed attendees at Mattapoisett's Memorial Day ceremonies that began at Center School. Photos by Marilou Newell

With the annual Boat Race scheduled for Monday morning, the Town of Rochester held its Memorial Day ceremonies on Sunday with participation from Representative William Straus, Tri-Town Veterans Director Chris Gerrior, Rochester Select Board members Paul Ciaburri, Brad Morse and Adam Murphy, the Rochester Fire Department and the Rochester Memorial School Band directed by Kaitlyn Laprise. Photos by Mick Colageo

Jack LeFavor of Marion prepares a spot at one gravesite while James Whipple of Mattapoisett applies the finishing touches at another, as the two eight-year-old members of Marion Cub Scout Pack 32 help the Marion Department of Public Works plant flowers at all veterans' graves in the Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday morning. The tradition, explained DPW representative Jody Dickerson, goes back to the Civil War. Evergreen is the largest of Marion's five cemeteries. Photos by Mick Colageo

At the invitation of the Mattapoisett Land Trust, second graders from Center School enjoyed planting sunflowers at Dunseith Gardens on Tuesday morning. Photo courtesy of MLT

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Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights May 21-May 27
- Mill St – EMS/medical
- Front St – General service
- Front St – Waterways complaint
- Route 105 – MV collision
- South St – Health/welfare
- Cottage St – Parking enforcement
- Lady Slipper Ln – EMS/medical
- Front St – MV collision
- Old Indian Trl – Paper service
- Mill St - Fraud
- Deer Run – Larceny/past
- Parkway Ln – Suspicious activity
- Delano Rd – Follow up investigation
- Bullivant Farm Rd – EMS/medical
- Mill St – MV collision
- Spring St – EMS/medical
- Quail's Crossing Rd – Suspicious person
- Cove Cir – Animal complaint
- Converse Rd – Wildlife services
- Bayberry Ln – Animal complaint
- Hermitage Rd – EMS/medical
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Front St – MV complaint
- Parkway Ln – General offense
- Village Dr – Mental health assist
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Lewis St – EMS/medical
- Front St – EMS/medical
- Hermitage Rd – Animal complaint

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights May 21-May 27
- Baptist St – Parking violations
- Randall Ln – Animal control
- Ship St – Medical assist
- Water St – 911 abandoned
- Neds Point Rd – Noise complaint
- Old Mattapoisett Neck – Follow up
- Upland Way – Suspicious MV
- Railroad Ave – Parking complaint
- Pine Ridge Dr – Ambulance request
- Fairhaven Rd – Assist citizen
- Meadowbrook Ln – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – Open door
- County Rd – Search warrant
- Brant Beach Ave – Domestic disturbance
- Baker Ln – Health/welfare
- Dexter Ln – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd – MV violations
- Water St – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Cannon St – Follow up investigation
- Fairhaven Rd – MV crash
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – Medical/assist
- Water St – Assist citizen
- Marion Rd - Threats
- Marion Rd – MV crash
- Brant Island Rd – Shellfish violation
- Pine Rd – Larceny/forgery/fraud
- Briar Rd – 911 call
- Ship St – Assist citizen
- Acushnet Rd – Animal control

ROCHESTER
Log highlights May 21-May 27
- Forbes Rd – Suspicious activity
- Featherbed Ln – Road hazard
- High St – General service
- Alley Rd – Noise complaint
- Snipatuit Rd – 911 call
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- Bowens Ln – 911 call
- Stevens Rd - Disturbance
- Cranberry Hwy – MV collision
- North Ave – Missing person
- Alley Rd – Animal control
- Horse Neck Dr – General services
- Union Church Ter – Animal control
- Stevens Rd - Fraud
- Hartley Rd - Vandalism
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Animal control
- North Ave – General services
- Bindas Way – 911 call
- Old Schoolhouse Rd – Burglar alarm
- Dexter Ln – Firearms violation
- New Bedford Rd - Disturbance
- North Ave – Abandoned MV
- High St - Medical
- Williams Way – 911 call
- County Rd – MV stop/citation
- Perrys Ln – MV stop/citation
- Alley Rd – Lost animal
- Dexter Ln – Outside investigation
- West St – Suspicious activity

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM
Monday, June 5: Hot dog, mustard & relish, cabbage/carrots, baked beans, whole wheat hot dog roll, peaches
Tuesday, June 6: Chicken teriyaki, Asian rice, oriental blend, multigrain bread, pineapple chunks
Wednesday, June 7: Tossed salad w/dressing, lasagna w/meat sauce, parmesan cheese, Roman blend, oatmeal roll, fresh nectarine
Thursday, June 8: Roast turkey w/ gravy, cheesy mashed potatoes, winter squash, whole wheat bread, pears
Friday, June 9: Mac n' cheese, tomato Florentine, snowflake roll, key lime pie, diet: Lorna Doone

CENTER SCHOOL
Monday, June 5: Grilled chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans
Tuesday, June 6: Zesty orange chicken, fried rice, steamed broccoli, fortune cookie - **early release**
Wednesday, June 7: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles
Thursday, June 8: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing
Friday, June 9: Field Day Lunch: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size chips, fresh veggie sticks, fresh fruit

OLD HAMMONDTOWN
Monday, June 5: Grilled chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans
Tuesday, June 6: Taco Tuesday – chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, cilantro lime rice, black bean salad, Mexicali corn
Wednesday, June 7: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles - **early release**
Thursday, June 8: Beef & potato bowl, golden corn, whole grain dinner roll
Friday, June 9: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH
Monday, June 5: Grilled chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, mixed veggies
Tuesday, June 6: Taco nacho platter, taco toppings bar, cilantro lime rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, June 7: Breakfast will be served – no lunch - **early release**
Thursday, June 8: Creamy mac & cheese, steamed carrots, applesauce cup
Friday, June 9: Pot o gold tatcho, warm soft pretzel

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL
Monday, June 5: BBQ pulled pork sandwich, BBQ baked beans, creamy coleslaw
Tuesday, June 6: Field Day Lunch: Kayem hot dog on whole grain bun, fun size chips, fresh veggie sticks, fresh fruit
Wednesday, June 7: Warm turkey & cheese croissant, baked sweet potato rounds, crunchy cucumber coins – **early release**
Thursday, June 8: American chop suey, mixed veggies, warm breadstick
Friday, June 9: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

SIPPICAN SCHOOL
Monday, June 5: Crispy chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, stemed carrots
Tuesday, June 6: Taco Tuesday – chicken or beef tacos, taco toppings bar, steamed rice, black bean salad
Wednesday, June 7: Warm ham, egg & cheese breakfast sandwich, hashbrown patty, orange smiles - **early release**
Thursday, June 8: Grilled chicken sandwich, oven baked French fries, savory green beans
Friday, June 9: Stuffed crust pizza, roasted chic peas, garden salad, assorted salad dressing

OLD COLONY REGIONAL
Monday, June 5: Assorted Asian bowls
Tuesday, June 6: macaroni & cheese, green beans & dinner roll
Wednesday, June 7: Assorted meals
Thursday, June 8: Italian sub & fries
Friday, June 9: Assorted pizza & Caesar salad

members who are making a difference in their first few years of service. Members are nominated by a colleague to receive one of these awards. This year, the Old Rochester Professional Educators Association is proud to recognize 10 staff members who received awards at the 63rd annual PCEA Awards Celebration on May 22 at Bridgewater State University.

Awards included: Honor Awards: Kate Butler, Teresa Camara, Danielle Dore, Mike Janicki, Kris Lincoln, Anna MacMillan, Marybeth Mathieu and Deb Threlfall.

Rookie of the Year Awards: Allison Lima and Colleen Morehouse.

Congratulations to all of this year's award recipients.

June Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Visit the library to enjoy a classic film on Friday, **June 2** at 1:00 pm in the Community Room. Check our website for details on the film. Enjoy some free popcorn while you watch. No registration is necessary.

Help the Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership plan the next annual RE-Art Recycled Art Show at the meeting on Saturday, **June 3** at 10:00 am. The Mattapoisett Sustainability Partnership is a group dedicated to promoting sustainable living in the community. To be a part of this group, stop in to a meeting or email jjones@sailsinc.org to get more information.

On Wednesday, **June 7** at 3:30 pm, all are welcome to play Nintendo Switch or a variety of board games at Game Lounge. Later at 6:15 pm, sit in on the Genealogy Roundtable to discuss strategies and tips in searching for your ancestry.

Graphic Novel Book Club, a book discussion group for children ages 9+, will talk about Four Eyes by Rex Ogle and Dave Valeza on Friday, **June 9** at 3:30 pm. Registration is required.

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Library meet on Wednesday, **June 14** at 6 pm to get ready for the Harbor Days book sale in July. The Friends always welcome new volunteers. Contact the library director to join.

Summer Storytime happens on Thursdays **June 15-29** at 10:30 am. Join us at the library for some fun stories, rhymes and songs.

Storytime at Munro Park is presented jointly with the Mattapoisett Land Trust on Fridays **June 16-30** at 10:30 am. Bring a blanket and join us at Munro Park for fun stories, rhymes and songs. Weather permitting, in the case of inclement weather, story time will be held at the library.

Dungeon and Dragons returns on Saturday, **June 17** at 1 pm. Join us as we seek to find the answers on this undead quest. New players are always welcome. Registration is required.

For more information about these events or to register, call the library at 508.758.4171 or email to mfpl@sailsinc.org. Check the library's events calendar for more upcoming programs.

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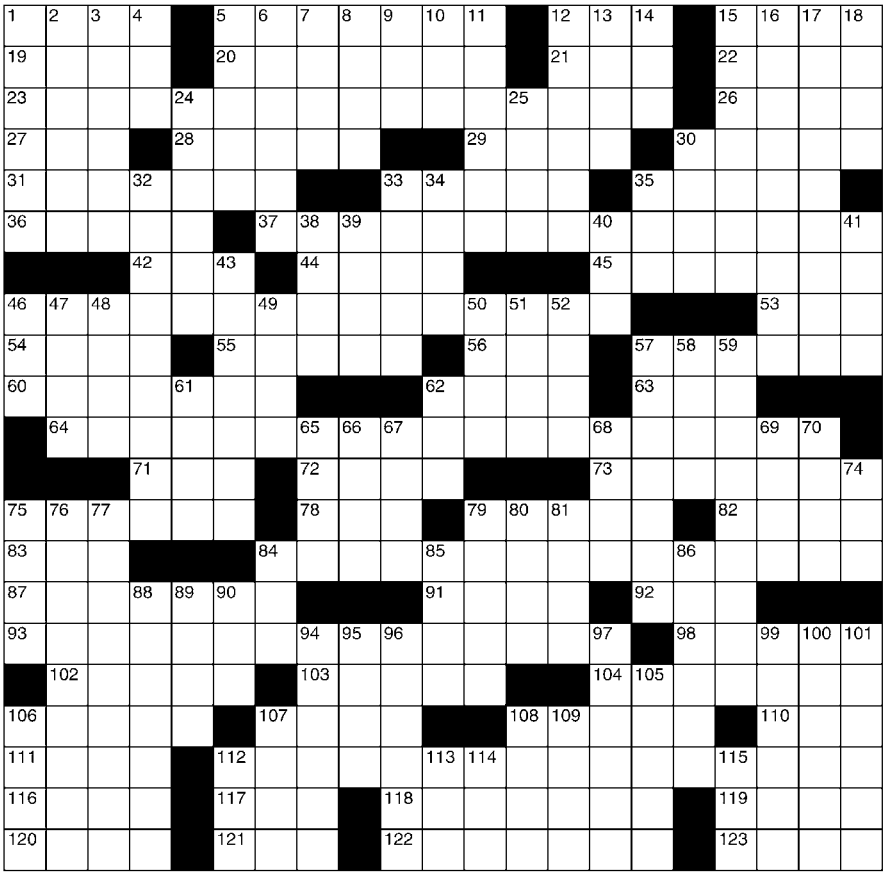
1 Jacob bought his birthright
5 City in Pennsylvania
12 Hooting avian
15 Factory type
19 Pibb — (soda brand)
20 Kenya's capital
21 Foot digit
22 Vicinity
23 U.S. president ordering steeds to turn right?
26 Have a strong desire
27 Ending for cyan-
28 Turns sharply
29 Winter footwear item
30 Styx and The Stones
31 More suspicious
33 Inclined positions
35 "Da Ali G Show" star — Baron Cohen
36 Taken in food
37 Women's suffragist keeping an apiary?
42 I, to Freud
44 Speak wildly
45 "Absolutely not!"
46 "Dallas" actress fancying blue birds?
53 Lumber tool
54 Underworld
55 Disprove
56 Otherwise called, in brief
57 Some city planners
60 Big, ornate cupboard
62 Send off
63 Historic time
64 Tuskegee University founder steeping beverages?
71 Kitten's call
72 Gal pal, in Paris
73 Receptacle in a kitchen sink
75 Trees with very light wood
78 Performed
79 Car parker
82 Road runner
83 Fruit drink
84 "Hidden Figures" actress growing podded vegetables?
87 Placed in a carafe
91 "Point taken"
92 — Lanka
93 Sci-fi writer going on cruises?
98 Split-off religions
102 New Hampshire city
103 Quiet spells
104 Govt. aid for a start-up
106 Ballet dancer's rail
107 Lamarr of old films
108 Coup — (overthrow)
110 Rosemary player Farrow
111 "SOS" quartet
112 "Gone With the Wind" producer piling up debt?
116 Hog's food
117 "Is" pluralized
118 One ousted
119 Have a strong desire
120 Voluptuous
121 Have a strong desire
122 Deep bows of respect
123 They precede omegas

DOWN

1 Many an alimony recipient
2 Sports domes
3 Haul in
4 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
5 Year, in Paris
6 Pilsners, e.g.
7 Arena section
8 Mined metals
9 "Ni-i-i-ice!"
10 Spurs' gp.
11 Website for finding homestays
12 Lazy or useless
13 Refuses to
14 Table support
15 Old Testament prophet
16 Steam locomotive, in old lingo
17 Listen supportively
18 Dawdles
24 Show clearly
25 Heap affection (on)
30 Swung sticks
32 Generational treasures
33 "— talk?" (Joan Rivers catchphrase)
34 Prefix with discrimination
35 — -cone
38 Europe-Asia border river
39 "Don't — didn't warn you!"
40 Runner or writer Packer
41 Conifers with red arils
43 Israelites
46 Old TV's "— Na Na"
47 Basil or sage
48 Sailor's saint
49 Razz
50 Tibetan monk
51 Pair for the slopes
52 Sacred vow
57 Summits
58 Assns.
59 Novelist Hawthorne
61 Big furniture retailer
62 She baas
65 "And there you have it!"
66 Muslim ruler
67 Verdi opera
68 It's a thought
69 Musical work
70 Post-WWII alliance
74 Prefix with discrimination
75 "Ali — and the Forty Thieves"
76 Cutely nerdy, in slang
77 Format for presenting films in video form
79 Stamps on passports
80 Copycat
81 Onion relative
84 NFL goals
85 Jack's hill-climbing partner
86 Counterfeit
88 Remedial regimen
89 Debussy's "Clair de —"
90 Before, to Browning
94 High dice roll
95 Quattro carmaker
96 Astronomer Tombaugh and aviator Cessna
97 Value highly
99 Funnies
100 Meditative Chinese martial art
101 Some reptiles
105 Cubes of hay
106 Perch's kin
107 Rabbit's kin
108 Ten: Prefix
109 This, in Spain
112 24-hour span
113 Lab eggs
114 Actor Wheaton
115 Short snooze



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Problems begin to affect relationships, both personal and professional. Act now to shore up those weak foundations before it all comes crashing down around you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Take a break from all that hard work you've been doing. There's nothing like some well-earned fun and games to charge up those Bovine batteries and send you back fully energized and ready to go.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Deception can sometimes affect perception. You should take a longer, deeper look at what you're being offered. Things might not be quite what you first thought they were.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A friend's loyalty suddenly comes into question. But, before you rush to judgment, listen to what they have to say. This could be an important learning lesson for you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) The time has come for you to set things right. Your courage will help you meet the difficult challenge ahead. Others will be inspired by your actions and rally to support you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A stubborn insistence that your way is the only way to solve problems could make things worse than they are. Open your mind to suggestions from others.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A close associate reveals a secret that could affect an upcoming decision. Rely on your natural instinct to weigh everything carefully, to help you get through this dilemma.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Congratulations! Your decision to take action and deal with a long-simmering situation in the workplace begins to pay off. In addition, a family member has some good news.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You still need to persuade your partner that you're sincere in wanting to save this relationship. Remember: Performance speaks louder than promises.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A disappointment in the workplace can be a blessing in disguise. Take another look at your goals and see if this is the path you really want to follow.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Avoid winding up in the middle of an unpleasant family situation by reassuring your cantankerous kinfolk that you love them all -- but that you won't take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A successful workplace move begins to pay off with offers of new opportunities, but some might come with strings attached. Check them all carefully before deciding.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to entertain. You appreciate fine food and elegant surroundings. You're happiest when you make other people feel good about themselves.

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Marion Democratic Town Committee

The Marion Democratic Town Committee invites all Marion Registered Democrats to a caucus, **June 15**, for an election of delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party Convention. Sign in for anyone who wants to vote or participate will begin at 5:00 pm at the Marion Police Station Community Room. The election process will start at 5:30 pm. Marion Democrats may elect four delegates and four alternates to represent our community. Those delegates should be gender balanced among male, female and non-binary candidates.

Saturday, **September 23** delegates will gather at the Tsongas Center in Lowell to adopt a party agenda and/or platform by a majority vote of delegates. Delegates also may attend and vote via Zoom.

For more information, please go to: massdems.org.

Rochester Democrats to Elect Delegates

On Wednesday, **June 7**, Democrats will convene virtually via Zoom at 7:00 pm to elect two delegates and two alternates to represent Rochester at the 2023 State Democratic Convention.

To attend the virtual caucus, please register at: bit.ly/rdtc2023

Registered and preregistered Democrats in Rochester, 16 years old by May 23 may vote and be elected as delegates or alternates during the caucus. Youth (age 16 to 35), people with disabilities, people of color, and members of the LGBTQ+ community not elected as delegates or alternates are encouraged to apply to be add-on delegates at the caucus or by visiting massdems.org/massdems-convention.

The 2023 Convention will be in person at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell, MA on **September 23**. Those interested in getting involved with the Rochester Democratic Town Committee should contact Jordan Latham at 1686rdtc@gmail.com.

Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee

On Thursday **June 15**, the MDTC will hold its annual caucus to elect delegates to the Massachusetts Democratic Party State Convention to be held at the Tsongas Center UMASS Lowell on Saturday, **September 23**. The caucus will take place from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the public meeting room of the Mattapoisett Fire Station, 62 County Road. All Mattapoisett residents registered as Democrats as of May 23 are encouraged to participate in the caucus. Registered voters do not have to be members of the Town Committee to be eligible to attend the convention.

Attending a state convention is a way to meet people from across the Commonwealth who share similar political views with you. Delegates will have opportunities to meet and hear from many of our elected state officials as well as those who are organizers and officials of our state party.

If interested, please attend our **June 15** meeting or reach out to Matt Dems Chair Nicki Demakis at ndemakis@tidlaw.com for more information.

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MAC Theater Presents Belles

"Those who always speak well of women do not know them enough; those who always speak ill of them do not know them at all." — Pigault-Lebrun

The Marion Art Center presents its newest production, Belles, written by Mark Dunn and directed by Kate Sorensen-Young. Show dates are **June 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25** with Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 pm and Sunday matinees at 2:00 pm. Tickets, available now, are just $20 for MAC members and $23 for nonmembers and can be purchased online at marionartcenter.org/events. The cast includes Michele Letourneau, Annemarie "Am" Fredericks, Laura Stevens, Jess Wilson, Ellie Williams, Bethany Whitehead, Rosalie Fry, with Oliver Asker. Gary Sousa is the stage manager, and Steve McManus is the sound/lighting technician.

Show synopsis: Told in "two acts and forty-five phone calls," Belles visits six southern sisters, who over the course of an autumn weekend, seek to bridge the physical and emotional distance between them via the telephone, and in the process come to terms with their shattered family history. The gold standard among Mr. Dunn's many plays about southern women and offering

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application, filed by Mark & Ashley Briggs, for the property located at 0 New Bedford Road, identified on Assessors Map 4, Lot(s) 28, 28B and 28C.

The applicants proposed project is for the construction of a building to store collectable automobiles, trucks, and other motor vehicles.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex 37 Marion Road, during business hours.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86275680564
Meeting ID: 862 7568 0564
Or Call: 1 646 876 9923
Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/25, 6/1

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review and Special Permit application, filed by Kenneth Steen, Rochester Properties, LLC, for the property located at 621 County Road, identified on Assessors Map 17, Lot 47.

The applicants proposed project is for the development of a commercial building which includes a recreational marijuana establishment.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during regular business hours.
Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86275680564
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Arnold Johnson, Chairman 5/25, 6/1

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770, regarding a Site Plan Review application, filed by Jennifer and Chuck Anderson, Tree Talk Natives, LLC, for property located at 157 Vaughan Hill Road, identified on Assessors Map 32, Lot 26.

The applicant proposes to relocate a native tree and perennial nursery from Clarksburg, MD to a leased 2.5-acre field in Rochester, MA.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Rochester Town Hall Annex 37 Marion Road, during business hours.
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:05 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Sally Gaglini, DGZ Realty LLC for the renovation of existing single-family dwelling to include construction of attached two car garage and associated grading at 10 Hartley Lane.

The site is further identified as Lot 263 on Marion Assessors' Map 19. Plans are available at the Town House for review
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
*Please contact Terri Santos at 508-748-3517 or tsantos@marionma.gov for the Zoom link and for information on public participation via phone call. The phone number will be provided upon request. The meeting will be live streamed on ORCTV and participants can call in any questions or comments.
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:15 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Great Hill -Marion, LLC, Catherine Stone for the spot treatment to halt the spread of the phragmites in areas #2 and #3, #4 at North Great Hill Drive.

The site is further identified as Lot 1 on Marion Assessors' Map 4. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:20 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by John & Theresa Cederholm, Trs. of Cederholm Nominee Trust for minor clearing/grading within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage to access building site at East Avenue.

The site is further identified as Lot 55 on Marion Assessors' Map 3. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:25 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by James Connolly for the construction of a single-story addition at 92 Dexter Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 141 on Marion Assessors' Map 5A. Plans are available at the Town House for review
Jeff J. Doubrava, Chair
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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 7:35 pm at the Marion Police Department Conference Room 550 Mill Street, also available via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Option), on a Notice of Intent, submitted by Jon Delli Priscoli for a proposed elevated staircase to the beach at 162 Point Road.

The site is further identified as Lot 15 on Marion Assessors' Map 1. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
ABANDONED CHECKS NOTICE
Notice of Names of Persons Appearing to be Owners of Checks Issued by the Town of Mattapoisett
Which Have Not Been Cashed and are Deemed Abandoned
Information about each check may be obtained by a person expressing
an interest in the check by addressing an inquiry in writing to:
Office of the Treasurer
Attention: Ashling McLoughlin
P. O. Box 433
Mattapoisett, MA 02739
amcloughlin@mattapoisett.net
Deadline to claim: August 1, 2023
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very strong roles for an ensemble of six actresses, Belles continues to pack an emotional punch after all these years.

Additional Information: Tickets are nonrefundable. The MAC will accommodate date changes, depending on availability, if requests are received at least 48 hours in advance. Accessibility: There are three small steps plus a raised threshold to enter the Marion Art Center. There are four steps and a handrail at the entrance to the MAC Theater. Audience: Performances are recommended for a general audience. Food and Beverages: There are no concessions for sale, but light refreshments may be provided at intermission. Guests may bring their own refreshments to enjoy during the performance.

Upcoming Auditions at the MAC

The Marion Art Center announces open auditions on Saturday, **June 10** from 10 am-12 pm and Sunday, **June 11** from 7-9 pm for the August production of Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery, written by Ken Ludwig and directed by Kate Fishman. Eight performance dates are scheduled **August 4 through 20**.

Curses. The hounds are out, and mystery is about. The MAC Theater is looking for five daring actors to take on multiple roles (nearly 40 – be brave.) in Ken Ludwig's hilarious Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery. Ludwig's send up of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's classic mystery, The Hound of the Baskervilles, turns it into a genius theatrical adventure of humor and horror. Roles will include the famous Sherlock Holmes, the elementary Watson and several others both male and female. All roles are gender fluid. The action is fast paced, as are costume changes, and strong comedic reflexes are encouraged. Come one, come all, to the Marion Art Center at 80 Pleasant St., Marion.

Auditions will be cold readings from the script. Please email director Kate Fishman with questions or for an advance copy of the sides at k8.fishman07@gmail.com. Typically, rehearsals are three times a week and are scheduled with the actors' conflicts considered. Actors must be available for the entire tech week, **July 30 through August 2**, and for all performance dates **August 4-6, August 11-13, and August 18-20**.

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Upcoming Cemetery Tour

On **June 11,** the Rochester Historical Society

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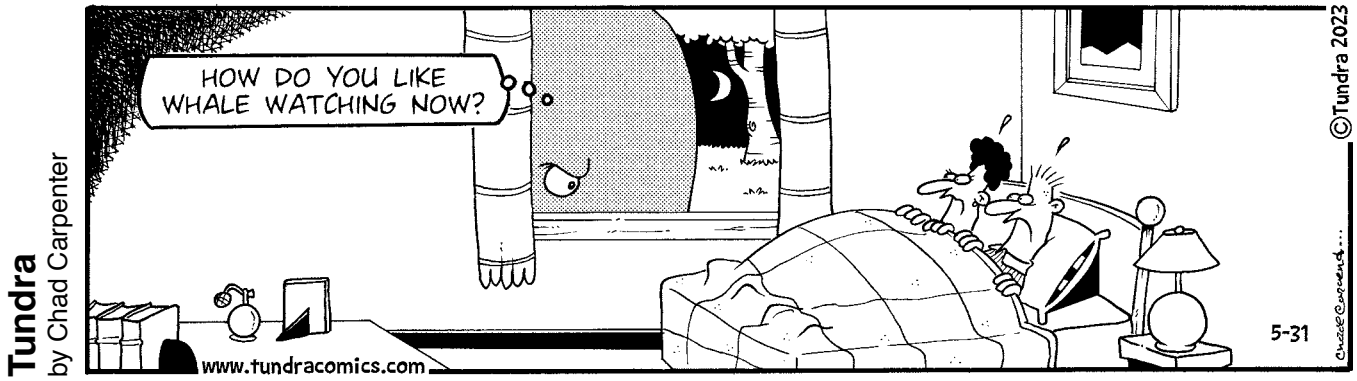
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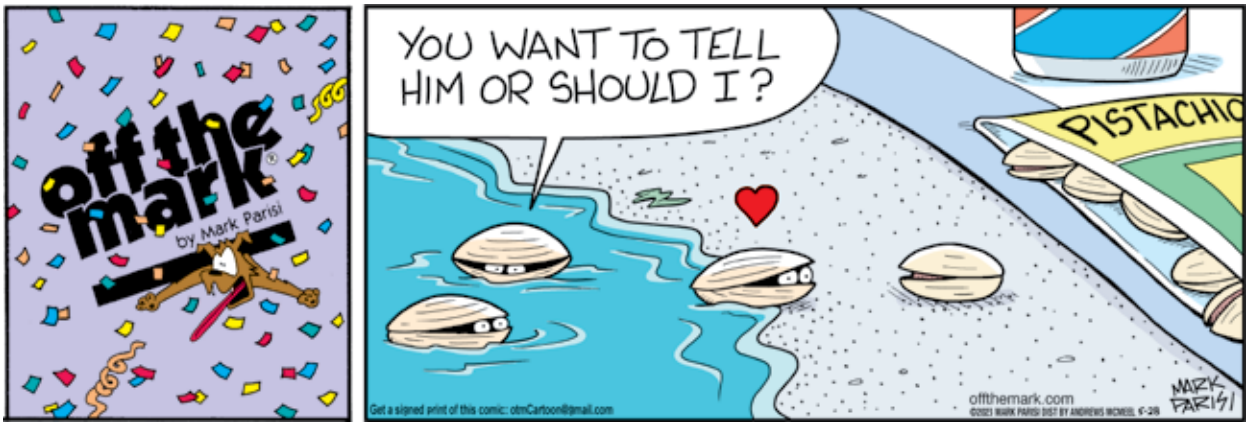
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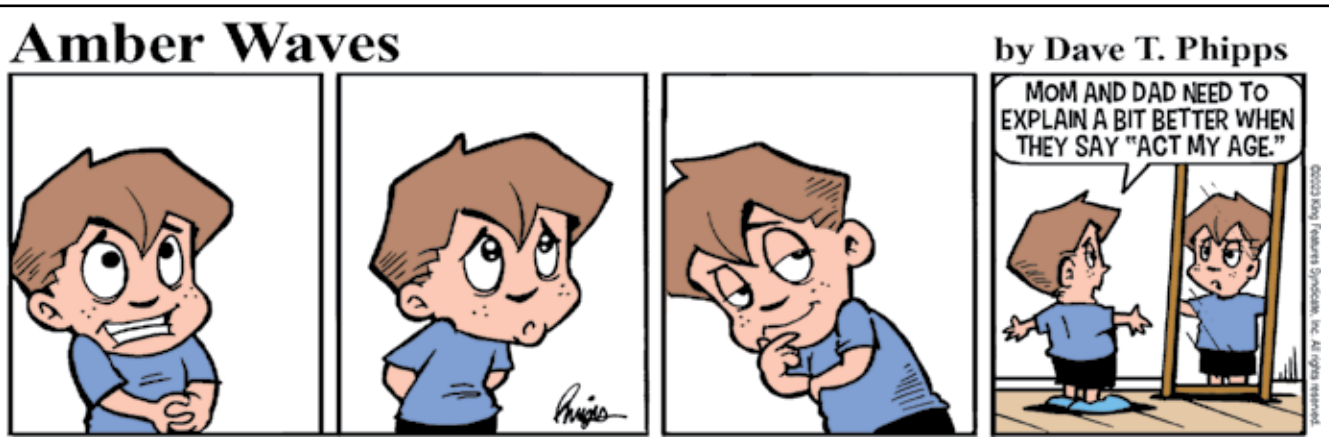
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By Connie Eshbach

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2. MOVIES: Who voiced the character Woody in "Toy Story"?
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5. FOOD & DRINK: Which root vegetable is known as Japanese horseradish?
6. ANATOMY: What substance gives skin its color?
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8. HISTORY: Who was the first female prime minister of Great Britain?
9. SCIENCE: What is the hollow, woody tissue that carries water and nutrients from a plant's roots to the entire plant?
10. U.S. STATES: Which is the only state that doesn't have a mandatory seat belt law for adults?

Answers
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He was the founder of Alewives Anonymous, which like the boat race continues today. The two have become closely allied with the President of

Alewives Anonymous, Art Benner, along with others (including the race's sponsor the Rochester Fire Dept.) clearing the river and organizing many aspects of the race prior to the Memorial Day event.

Recently, I came across a document at the museum, which highlights the historical importance of alewives (herring.) The document is a water control agreement from 1805. The agreement is between a committee appointed by the town of Rochester and Nathaniel Hammond and Abel Howes,

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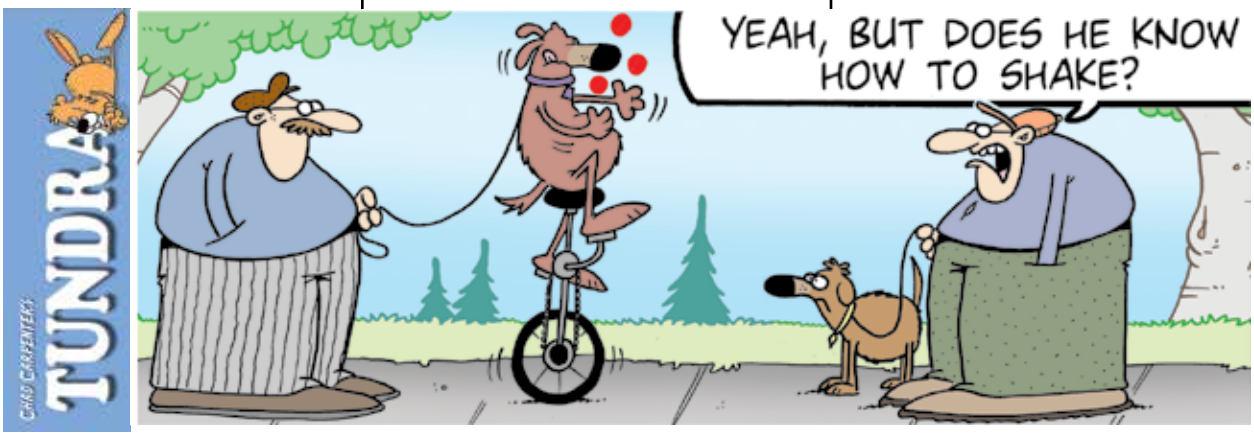

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this article, also from the museum files, is of Bob Sherman and Cliff Vaughan, the race winners in 1957.

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Several expansive gardens will be waiting for ticket holders, each of which has been specially selected from a variety of styles including formal to informal, woodsy to cottage, seaside to secluded and even a monochromatic garden. The gardens highlight the use of annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, trees and even spectacular container plantings. Besides simply viewing the beautiful gardens, visitors will find that all of them emphasize steps that can be taken to improve home gardens as well.

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On the day of the Tour, tickets will be $35.00 and will be available only under the tent beside the Ying Dynasty Restaurant on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. This is the same area where all attendees must stop to pick up their Tour Maps after 9:30 am on the day of the Tour, and it is also where day-of-sale tickets will be available. At 2:00 pm all ticket sales will stop to allow participants adequate time to see as many gardens of their choice as possible.

On Saturday, the MWC will also be holding a raffle for a beautiful double Adirondack chair. Tickets are $5.00 each or 5 for $20.00. The winner need not be present to win (but we hope the winner will be able to take it home on the same day.)

The proceeds from this year's Garden Tour and the raffle will benefit the Mattapoisett Woman's Club's Scholarship Fund as well as the Club's philanthropic efforts, public programming and community outreach. The Club is always open to new members from the greater SouthCoast area. For more information about the Club and/or a membership application, please see our website at mattapoisettwomansclub.org.

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
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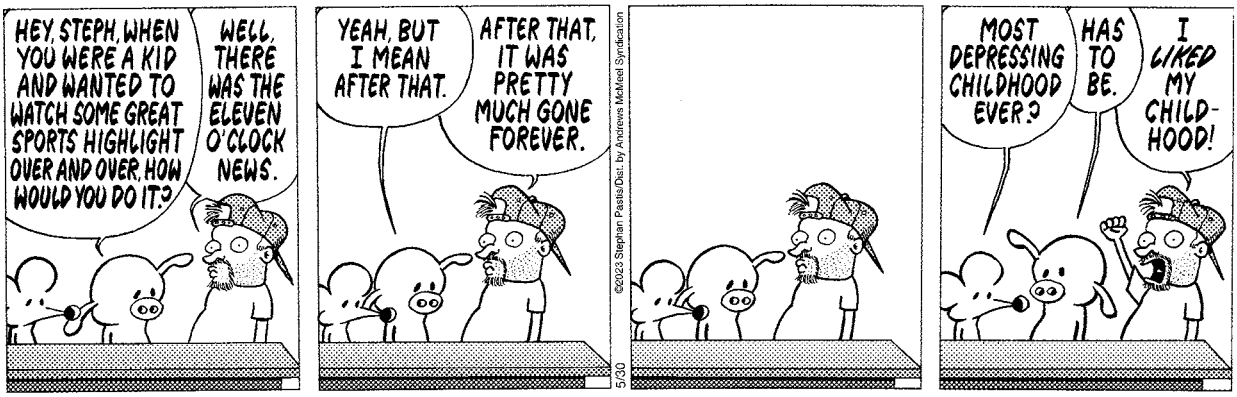

Family Sensory Walk

Let's turn up our senses. We'll use them to explore woods, wetlands and waterfront up-close on a Family Sensory Walk with Mattapoisett Land Trust at the Munn Preserve. The walk is open to all ages and abilities, so bring the whole family down on Saturday **June 3** at 10:00 am.

Along the half-mile trail leading to the beach, we'll pause for fun activities to fine-tune senses and connect to nature. Meet at the Munn Preserve trailhead at approximately 124 Mattapoisett Neck Road.

This is a free event led by nature educator Carly Baumann and sponsored by the Mattapoisett Land Trust. Please wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather. This walk will happen rain or shine. We hope to see you and your family there.

Rochester Republican Town Committee

The Rochester Republican Town Committee will be holding its monthly meeting **June 13**, at the North Rochester Congregational Church 289 North Avenue Rochester. The meeting will begin at 6:30 pm on the lower level of the church. On the agenda will be a discussion of the recent Rochester Town Meeting and the results of the Rochester, Marion and Mattapoisett town elections. All members of the community are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member of the committee to participate in discussions. Should you have any questions, you may contact Bill Chamberlain at 508-272-6793 or email pauln75@verizon.net.

Lobbing for the Library

On Saturday, **June 17**, the Sippican Tennis Club in Marion will be holding its second charity tournament, the Sippican Open Charity Tennis Tournament, which supports local nonprofits. In 2019, the Sippican Open donated to the Marion Garden Group, and this year's beneficiary is the Elizabeth Taber Library, Mattapoisett Free Library and Plumb Memorial Library of Rochester.

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The Sippican Open is a doubles tennis tournament open to the public. Over 60 participants are expected to play. Participants can sign up with a partner, and there are women's, men's and high school age flights. Prizes go to winners and refreshments are included. There is an exciting raffle to be announced at 2 pm as well. After event expenses, the $85 entry fee will be donated to the Tri-Town libraries.

Ed Shanaphy, Director of Tennis, has been a long-time champion for these community-minded events. Ed reported that, "Tennis players along the South Coast participate in this fun event to give back and have fun at the same time."

Elise Frangos, President of the Elizabeth Taber Library shared, "We are truly honored and grateful that the Elizabeth Taber Library will be the beneficiary of the Sippican Open this year. The funds will enhance the youth book collections and create a cozier reading space for young readers. We are so excited that this fundraiser will make it possible."

The rain date is Sunday **June 18**. To register, go to bit.ly/sipcharityopen. For further questions, email Membership@sippicantennisclub.com

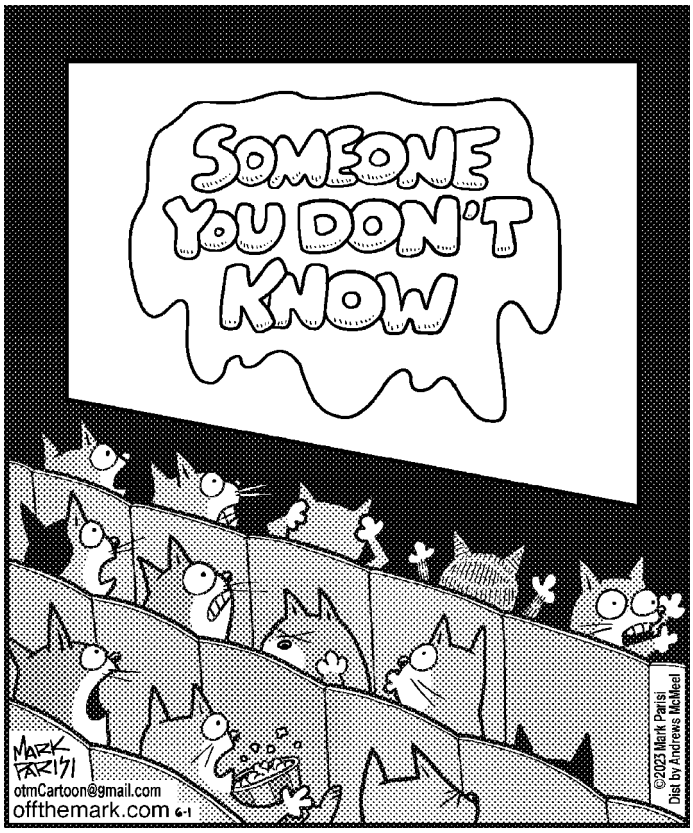
Real Estate Transactions

See past listing on our website: www.wanderer.com

Buyer(s)	Seller(s)	Address	City	Date	Price
Holt, Gregory Holt, Therese J	Thomas, Carolyn M TR Thomas Living Trust	18 Driscoll Ln	Mattapoisett	05/10/2023	585,000.00
Pham, Chuong Pham, Kristin	Deer Run Lot 4 LLC	9 Deer Run	Marion	05/11/2023	2,250,000.00
Lees, Hunter Thomas	Macropoulos, William Macropoulos, Sophia	12 Howard Beach	Mattapoisett	05/12/2023	760,000.00
Marks, Katherine H Marks, Albert Patrick	Dylcam Dev. LLC	7 Chapel Rd	Mattapoisett	05/15/2023	725,000.00
Amador, Stacy	Timmons, Matthew R Timmons, Nicole A Robbins, Charles	239 Wareham St	Marion	05/16/2023	415,000.00
Timmons, Nicole A Timmons, Matthew R	Souza, Nathan Christopher Souza, Stephanie Grace	113 Pierce St	Rochester	05/16/2023	624,000.00

off the mark

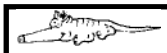
by Mark Parisi



Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	June 1	6:19	6:46	12:18	12:01
Friday	June 2	7:09	7:31	1:01	12:40
Saturday	June 3	7:57	8:18	1:46	1:24
Sunday	June 4	8:45	9:06	2:34	2:11
Monday	June 5	9:35	9:57	3:23	3:01
Tuesday	June 6	10:27	10:50	4:12	3:53
Wednesday	June 7	11:22	11:46	5	4:46
Thursday	June 8		12:19	5:50	5:42
Friday	June 9	12:44	1:18	6:48	6:51
Saturday	June 10	1:41	2:16	7:58	8:37
Sunday	June 11	2:38	3:14	9:03	10:11
Monday	June 12	3:37	4:14	9:55	11:15
Tuesday	June 13	4:38	5:15	10:38	
Wednesday	June 14	5:39	6:11	12:07	12:01
Thursday	June 15	6:34	7:02	12:53	12:05
Friday	June 16	7:25	7:49	1:34	12:35
Saturday	June 17	8:12	8:34	2:13	1:17
Sunday	June 18	8:56	9:16	2:50	2:02

Phases of the Moon		
	Full Moon	June 3rd
	Last Quarter	June 10th
	New Moon	June 18th
	First Quarter	June 26th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on ***I Found the Aardvark***

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PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Browser 2. Entity; 3. Stake; 4. Episode

Today's Word

YARDWORK

Sudoku Answer

4	9	7	1	8	5	2	6	3
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9	7	2	3	5	1	8	4	6
8	2	4	5	9	7	6	3	1
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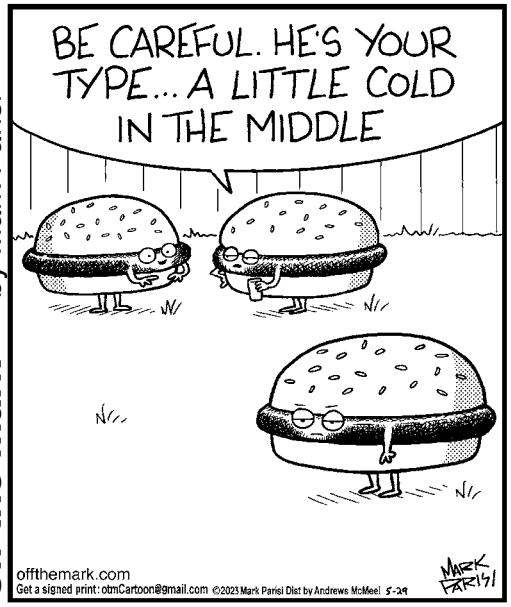

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